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DISASTROUS FIRE IN KING EDWARD HOTEL

FIVE EUROPEAN FATALITIES

SEVERAL PERSONS REPORTED MISSING

HEARTRENDING SCENES

Graphic Stories By Eyewitnesses of Conflagration

WILD PANIC AMONGST HOTEL INMATES

The King Edward Hotel was the scene of a disastrous fire in the early hours of this morning, the outbreak being attended with loss of life, European and Chinese.

Up to 11 a.m. the number of dead actually known was nine, as follows:—

Mr. William Woods, British, of the W. E. Woods Co. of Wellington, New Zealand, owners of the Great Woods Peppermint Cure.

Mr. P. Baille (French).

A European lady believed to be the wife of Mr. D. J. Robson, Naval Store Officer, Royal Naval Yard, who lived with her husband at the hotel.

Another European man as yet unidentified.

A Japanese woman of about 25 years of age.

Stephen Kish, American, 2nd class fireman of the U.S.S. "Memphis."

One Chinese man, named Chung (on the staff of General Chan Ming-shu).

Two other Chinese men.

Injured

General Chan Ming-shu, Civil Governor of Canton.

Mrs. Chan Ming-shu.

Andrew Piccioli (American), 28 years of age, of the U.S.S. "Memphis."

One hotel cook and two room "boys."

The origin of the blaze is at present unknown. It is presumed to have started near the main staircase, probably in the public bar, around three o'clock this morning. The flames took a westwardly direction and appear to have wreaked most damage to the rooms on the upper floors looking on the alleyway between the hotel and the Alexandra Building. The top floor of the adjoining hotel, the Savoy, was gutted.

Missing

The missing include Mr. Enos Seth, of the well-known local family, who was on a visit to his cousins in Hong Kong.

The body of Mr. Douglas John Robson, husband of the lady reported dead above, was identified in hospital this afternoon.

MR. ROBSON'S BODY FOUND

According to Mr. J. H. Witchell, manager of the Hotel, the alarm was given within a minute or two of three o'clock in the morning. Mr. Witchell was awakened by the blowing of police whistles and shouting in the street. Thinking that it may have been a scuffle among late revellers or the chasing of a thief by the police, he took no notice of the noise. Within a few minutes, however, he observed smoke pouring under the door of his room and also coming in through the windows, which were open.

Jumping out of bed and dashing along the corridor of the fifth floor of the Hotel, on which his room is located, he made for the main staircase, up which smoke was ascending in huge clouds. On reaching the landing of the third floor he was met by the flames, rising in an angry, crackling roar.

A Charred Body

Mr. Witchell thereupon retraced his steps, rushing up the stairways and along the corridors, opening doors and crying "fire." On his way to his own rooms—505 and 506—he stopped at No. 510 and aroused Mr. Woods, who responded with a sleepy "all right." As afterwards transpired, Mr. Woods was unable to leave his room in time, his charred body being found on the verandah.

By the time Mr. Witchell had awakened his children—two boys and a girl—the flames were ascending the staircase in full force and had almost reached the fifth floor upon which the party was located. Mr. Witchell guided the children towards the fire escape, a structure of iron and masonry which runs from the top to the bottom of the Hotel at its western extremity, access being gained through the bathrooms on each floor. The party thus gained the street, and by this time—around twenty minues past three, according to Mr. Witchell—pandemonium reigned.

Screaming Occupants

The fire brigade, which by this time had assembled in force, were playing upon the flames which were issuing in main from the windows that face the alleyway between the Hotel and Alexandra Building. Escapes were reared as near the verandahs as was possible and a party of firemen were operating from the centre of the road with a canvas "blanket" into which the screaming occupants on the verandahs were invited to jump. Some did, with, according to onlookers, disastrous results.

In addition to Mr. Witchell and family on the fifth floor there were, on Sunday night:

Mr. William Woods, of Messrs. W. E. Woods, Ltd., manufacturing chemists, Collins-street, Sydney, occupying room 510. This gentleman's body, as stated above, was found on the verandah, and the charred remains were subsequently removed to the Savoy Hotel, later being placed in a coffin.

Mr. Enos Seth, who occupied room 503—Mr. Seth's whereabouts, up to a rather late hour this morning, were the subject of much anxiety, nobody seeming to know for certain whether he slept in the Hotel last night or not. Mr. Wentz, another resident (who escaped unhurt) said this morning that he last saw Mr. Seth in the lounge of the Hotel at 11.30 last night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Robson, who occupied room 501. Mrs. Robson, according to an eyewitness of the tragedy, jumped from the verandah and died subsequently from the results of her fall. There was no trace of Mr. Robson up to ten o'clock this morning, when the general impression was that he had perished in the flames.

It thus appears that the only survivors from the fifth—and top—floor of the Hotel were the Witchells, who made use of the emergency staircase.

Jumps from Verandah

On the fourth floor were, among others:

Three American sailors (Heney, Perkins and Phillips) who checked in at the Hotel last evening for a night-bed. The first named two, it is stated, jumpe. from the verandah and were injured in falling, and Phillips had the presence of mind to tie some sheets together and thus lower himself within easily-falling distance of the ground. He escaped unscathed.

Mr. Max Pickman, described as an illusionist, presumed hurt at an early hour this morning.

Mr. K. Y. Woo, of the Canton Naval Department, who was on a visit of inspection of the gunboats recently turned out of Messrs. Bailey's yard for the Canton Government.

Occupiers of rooms on the fourth floors who were ascertained to be safe at an early hour this morning were Mr. G. Wondenberg and Mr. B. Henderson, the latter having a remarkable escape by reason of deciding last night to sleep at the Hong Kong Hotel in a friend's room. Others reported safe are Mr. L. M. Heras, occupier of room 202 and Mr. J. E. Wentz, the gentleman who last saw Mr. Seth the previous evening. Mr. Wentz had room 309, on the third floor.

Woman's Pluck

Mr. Witchell recalls the plucky escape of a Chinese woman who got as far as the dining room when her progress was cut off by the flames. She dived through the smoke and fire on to the verandah and swung herself along the support of the large lamp that projects from the Ice House-street side of the Hotel and then jumped to the ground, suffering but a few superficial cuts. It appears that most of the residents who leaped from floors higher than that on which the dining room is situated—the first floor—were injured.

Others who were resident in the Hotel when the outbreak occurred included Mr. Jennings Wong (Mr. Wong Yat-ying), Mr. Ma, Mr Y. Y. Chai and a Mrs. Lee. Mr. Wong, who is connected with the Canton Finance Department, is in hospital.

The above-quoted names appear to comprise the residents of the Hotel, though there may have been other transient visitors there, a thorough check being impossible this morning by reason of the sodden condition of the Hotel register which, when examined by a "China Mail" man, had practically been reduced to pulp in parts owing to the action of the water with which the building was gutted. The ink in places had become smeared and some of the names were indecipherable.

Cause Unknown

Up to the time of going to Press no cause of the outbreak had been ascertained. According to Mr. Witchell, the fire commenced on the east (Ice House-street) side of the building, in the vicinity of the main staircase, which commences on the ground floor between the bar and public lavatory. It was from this part of the building that the flames were ascending when he dashed from the fifth to the third floor just after three in the morning. It is impossible at the moment to say on which floor the blaze had its origin, though judging by the rapidity with which the flames bore through the building in a westwardly direction and seized hold of the two top floors (which were the most damaged) it is feasible that the start occurred somewhere above ground level.

Soon after the arrival of the fire brigade a posse of naval men from H.M.S. "Suffolk" appeared on the scene and, together with Europeans from various central residences, awakened by the pandemonium, assisted manfully in the work of life saving, salvage and keeping order.

Mr. Yu Siu-shan, one of the principals of the Hotel, who was staying in a room on the 3rd floor, had a narrow escape. When he reached the roof he could not see anything more than ten feet away and he had to feel his way to the small bridge which connects the Hotel with Alexandra-building, which he reached and whence he came down to safety, being guided along by a European.

General's Courage

General Chan Ming-shu, chairman of the Provincial Government of Canton, commander of the Nationalist 11th Army Corps and Defence Commissioner of the South of Kwangtung province, is to be congratulated on his indomitable pluck on climbing down the wall (on which there is scaffolding) at the back of the Hotel (facing Alexandra-building) in the darkness and also assisting his wife down until they could go no further and had to jump a distance. Mrs. Chan was injured in the chest and General in his right hip.

General Chan and his wife and his staff were to have left for Nanking to attend the third national congress of the Nationalist Party. A few months ago, at the time he assumed office, he underwent an operation in Canton for appendicitis. He and his wife are in the early forties. Both were burned about the body and face and their hair was badly singed before they escaped.

At the Government Civil Hospital, where they are now undergoing treatment, the best attention was given to General and Mrs. Chan, practically the whole staff being up from the time the first word got through.

Other persons who had not been killed by jumping down from the higher floors were also attended to. Of those who perished by leaping into the streets all died very shortly afterwards, with the exception of the Japanese lady who passed away after admission to hospital.

The Civil Hospital staff were given a very busy time attending to the cases as they arrived and answering a stream of inquiries from interested persons. Pathetic scenes were enacted when friends and relatives were given permission to look into the Hospital's mortuary to ascertain if they could help in identification.

The remains of Stephen Kish of the U.S. Navy are to be cremated and shipped back to America for burial.

Late Mr. Robson

Mr. Robson was assistant Naval Store Officer, Royal Naval Dockyard and was 32 years of age. He had been in the Colony about a year and was well known as a sportsman, playing football for the Kowloon F.C., and as a Volunteer. He turned out for his Club as recently as Saturday last, occupying a full back position. In the course of the game he was injured on the knee and it is surmised that this accident may have rendered his escape from the burning building a difficult feat. His last station was Sheerness. The late Mr. Robson served in the Great War and was wounded in the back.

The Japanese Victim

The Japanese woman who is reported dead succumbed in hospital. She was clothed and wore an amount of jewellery when discovered outside the Hotel by Mr. Plew, manager of the St. Francis Hotel, who obtained a stretcher and assisted in removing her to the ambulance. By this time the flames were shooting from the top of the King Edward Hotel some twenty or so feet in the sky.

Servants Escape

The Hotel servants managed to escape from the building in time with the exception of three "boys" who were slightly injured and are now in hospital.

Insurance

The King Edward Hotel, i.e., the business as an hotel, was insured for $140,000 among four local companies, the largest policy being with the American Asiatic Underwriters for $80,000.

The Hotel building belonged to the China Land Investment Co. and was insured.

Police Report

The fire message was received at Police Headquarters at 3.10 a.m., and when they got there the upper floors were already well ablaze.

A brief police report stated that four persons were rescued by means of the fire escape and jumping sheets.

Eight persons were killed through jumping into the street from the upper floors. Several are reported missing, but no names of these or of the casualties are given.

In the fight with the flames the firemen had to break holes into the walls of verandahs and in some of the upper rooms of the Hotel Savoy.

Amongst those noticed at the scene of the fire at a later stage were H. E. the Admiral, the Colonial Secretary, the Director of Public Works, and Doctors Moore, Cannon and Thomas, who rendered first aid to the injured before they were taken to the hospital.

Later in the morning a detachment from the St. John Ambulance Brigade and many Police Reserves were on duty at the scene of the fire.

ENGLAND OUT FOR 519 RUNS

THE FIFTH TEST

32 ADDED BEFORE LAST WICKET FALLS

AUSTRALIA AT BAT

At the lunch interval to-day, the third day of the Fifth Test Match at Melbourne, Australia had made 19 runs without loss in reply to England's 1st innings score of 517 runs.

Leyland and White added 32 runs in the morning, bringing the total for the tenth wicket partnership to 47, before they were separated.

Leyland Magnificent

There were 15,000 spectators at Melbourne when the game reopened this morning, states Reuter. The weather was hot and the sky hazy. Grimmett did not put in a reappearance.

The 500 was hoisted in 594 minutes and shortly afterwards Leyland was dismissed, putting up a catch to Fairfax at cover off Oxenham. The Yorkshireman compiled 137 runs in all and gave a magnificent display of driving to the off and late cutting. His innings occupied just 300 minutes and he knocked up seventeen 4's. With White making 9 and extras totalling 13, England were thus out for a total of 519.

Quiet Opening

Australia's innings opened quietly, there being four maidens in the first nine overs. Two runs were then put on, immediately after which Jackson sent two balls of Tate flying for four each.

ENGLAND—1ST INNINGS

J. B. Hobbs, l.b.w., b Ryder	142
D. R. Jardine, c Oldfield, b Wall	19
W. R. Hammond, c Fairfax, b Wall	38
E. Tyldesley, c Hornibrook, b Ryder	31
G. Duckworth, c Fairfax, b Hornibrook	12
E. Hendren, c Hornibrook, b Fairfax	95
M. Leyland, c Fairfax, b Oxenham	137
H. Larwood, b Wall	4
G. Geary, b Hornibrook	4
M. W. Tate, c substitute, b Hornibrook	15
J. C. White, not out	9
Extras	13
Total	519

Fall of wickets: 1 for 64 runs (Jardine), 2 for 146 (Hammond), 3 for 235 (Hobbs), 4 for 240 (Tyldesley), 5 for 260 (Duckworth), 6 for 401 (Hendren), 7 for 409 (Larwood), 8 for 428 (Geary), 9 for 470 (Tate), 10 for 519 (Leyland).

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wall	49	8	123	3
Hornibrook	48	8	142	3
Oxenham	45.1	15	86	1
Grimmett	25	11	40	0
Fairfax	27	4	84	1
Ryder	18	5	29	2
Kippax	3	1	2	0

AUSTRALIA—1ST INNINGS

W. M. Woodfall, not out	6
A. Jackson, not out	11
Extras	2
Total (for 0 wkt.)	19

AT BOGNOR

THE KING ENJOYING SPRING-LIKE WEATHER

AVOIDING LONDON FOG

London, Yesterday.

After a good night the King rose early to-day to enjoy another perfect springlike day with warm sunshine. By being at Craigwell House he avoided the thick mist which hung over London throughout the day.—British Wireless Service.

EARTHQUAKE IN NEW ZEALAND

FELT IN CAPITAL

OVER A WIDE AREA BUT LITTLE LOSS REPORTED

RAILWAY LINE DAMAGED

Wellington, Yesterday.

There has been a severe earthquake in the Province of Canterbury with minor shocks in Wellington and Christchurch.

The centre of the disturbance was at Arthur's Pass where the railway line was damaged; but traffic is likely to be resumed tomorrow.

Practically every chimney at Arthur's Pass village was demolished, but nobody was injured. —Reuter.

THE CHINA CRISIS

GENERAL LI TSUNG-JEN RESIGNS

LETTER FROM CHIANG

Shanghai, To-day.

To clarify his attitude in the Hunan situation consequent on the dismissal of General Lu Ti-ping by the Wu-Han Divisional Political Council, General Li Tsung-jen yesterday telegraphed his resignation from all substantive concurrent posts in the Central Government and from the chairmanship of the Wu-Han Divisional Political Council.

In his resignation, Li Tsung-jen states that he has been faithfully observing the instruction of the Central authorities in the hope of facilitating early completion of the mission of the national revolution.

Beg to Be Relieved

He said:—"Now that the Divisional Political Councils and headquarters of the 4th Army Group are about to be abolished, it is fitting that I should conclude the duties of chairman of the Wu-Han Divisional Council and commander of the 4th Army Group. I beg also to be relieved of my position as a member of the State Council so that I may have complete rest.

"As regards the Hunan case, while I was not there at the time of the affair, it was an emergency measure and taken only as a matter of precaution but I understand there are troop movements up the Yangtsze.

"At this time when Communists are waiting eagerly for an opportunity to stage an uprising it behoves the authorities to guard against being utilised by them."

Control Ineffective

Previous to the despatch of General Li Tsung-jen's telegram, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, in the course of a personal letter to Li Tsung-jen relative to Lu Ti-ping's dismissal, said:—"Since your departure from Wu-Han, no responsible official has been guiding the authorities there. The long distance separating the Central authorities from Wu-Han renders direct control ineffective. Even your own orders carried no force there.

"As a precaution and for the sake of maintaining its dignity, the Central authorities are forced to mobilise. What the Central Government is aiming at is non-interference with the administration. For the general welfare of the people and nation, and for realisation of the programme of the Nationalist Party, the Central Government will not resort likely to war. As long as the dignity of the Government is not impaired, everything else can be satisfactorily settled."—Reuter.

Troop Movements

A Royal Naval communique reads:—

Continued troop movements are reported from Nanking up-river. Hankow remains quiet and there appears to be little interest taken in the general situation. A large number of troops are arriving at Nanking from the north and about a dozen transports are anchored at Nanking. There is still no definite information as to the ultimate objective of the large number of troops who have left Nanking for up-river, but who have so far not passed Kiukiang.

Mr. M. L. Wynne, Deputy Commissioner of Police, has returned from furlough and has assumed duty as Commissioner of Police, Johore.

1,887,112 QUESTIONS FOR MUSSOLINI

DICTATOR'S WORK

GRANTED 65,000 AUDIENCES AS FASCIST HEAD

ITALY DESIRES PEACE

Rome, Yesterday.

"Legislative work and the adaptation of control and the creation of new institutions has been only part of my work. I have granted 65,000 audiences and interested myself in 1,887,112 questions referring to citizens, that reached my private secretariat."

Thus Signor Mussolini, who was wildly ovated at the Royal Opera House by an audience of 4,000 including Cabinet Members, 400 General Election candidates and all the prefects.

Mussolini, reviewing the work of his regime, expressed the opinion that the terrorism of Fascism had quite faded.

He compared the former and contemporary terrorisms and said the special tribunal for the defence of the state had acquitted 4,000 out of the 5,000 tried. As regards foreign policy he said that Italy desired peace but was prepared to defend her interests in any part of the world.—Reuter.

G.E.C. SHARES

FURTHER STATEMENT AS TO NEW ISSUE

A "MISUNDERSTANDING"

London, Yesterday.

Sir Hugo Hirst states that the United States shareholders' protest was made under a complete misunderstanding, the issue being made to the British public and not exclusively to General Electric shareholders. No discrimination was practised as alleged and no preference given to any class of shareholders.

The recent announcement of an issue (not yet made) stated that the new shares styled "British ordinary shares" could not be held by any foreigner or corporation controlled by foreigners.—Reuter.

American Holdings

London, Yesterday.

Sir Hugo Hirst's reply to the American Committee of the General Electric Company asserts that the fact that Americans hold 60 per cent. of the Company's shares is likely to have a damaging effect from a trading point of view.

He declares that the Board viewed with grave alarm the steady diminution in the number of British shareholders, and are convinced that its action is in the best interests of the proprietors and conducive to earn the maximum profits.—Reuter.

Earlier Statement

[The following telegram from New York and dated the 9th inst. explains the above:—

That British industrial leaders feel that too much foreign capital is entering their key industries is the opinion expressed by a banker, Mr. S. H. Vallance, on receipt of a cable that only British shareholders will be authorised to purchase the additional shares which will be voted at a general meeting of the British General Electric Company in London.

A protective Committee formed of American shareholders decided to employ counsel to attend the meeting on their behalf, and a protest was telegraphed to Sir Hugo Hirst. It was suggested that the attention of the State Department should be drawn to the matter.]

ASSASSINATED

FORMER ANFU POLITICAL LEADER

Tientsin, Yesterday.

Chu Tung-feng, formerly the Anfu Director of Aviation, was assassinated on the morning of March 9 at his residence in the Japanese Concession. The assassin gained admission by pretending to convey a message from Chang Tsung-chang and then shot Chu Tung-feng dead.—Reuter.

It is understood that the visit of H. M. the King of Siam to Java, which was postponed last year, will now take place in June or July.

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LEAGUE FOOTBALL

THREE SENIOR PLAYERS ORDERED OFF THE FIELD

SMALL UNITES SURPRISE

The features of Saturday's League matches were keen fights in all four Senior games and unfortunately three Senior players received marching orders from the referee. In the South China v. R.A. match two players were ordered off and in the Navy v. Club match one player. This is unfortunate in view of the fact that all three Clubs concerned are competing in the Shield ties next Saturday.

Small Units gave Kowloon a shock as an early lead of two goals by the visitors was with great difficulty wiped off by the locals, who just managed to turn the tables in time.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Division I

R.A.	0	South China	1
Chinese Athletic	4	Club de Recreio	2
Navy	3	H.K. Club	1
Kowloon	3	Small Units	2

Division II

Kowloon	1	S. China "B"	4
Small Units	1	Club de Recreio	0
K.O.S.B.	6	St. Joseph's	0
South China "A"	2	R.A.	0
Navy Res.	2	Chinese Athletic Res.	1
R.A.F.	3	Eastern	1

League Div. I

SOUTH CHINA v. R.A.

At Sookumpoo South China defeated the R.A. by one goal to nil in a poor game which was marred by a player from each side being ordered off. The incident from the Stand appeared slight, but the referee saw enough to compel him to send both players off. The match was a hard one and excitement amongst the players spoilt many chances.

The teams lined up as follows:—

R.A.—Fletcher; Oliver, Taylor; Bridgeman, Oliver, Joyce; Cotton, Watson, Gill, Jobe, and Allen.

South China A.A.:—Pau Kaping; Li Tin-sang, Lau Mau; Leong Yin-chiu, Leung Wing-tak, Leung Wing-chiu; Tong Kin, Wong Mee-shun, Fung King-chung, Lau Mau, and Ip Pak-wa.

Referee:—C.P.O. Cowan, R.N.

The R.A. kicked off, but South China were early on the attack, and Fletcher saved brilliantly from Fung in the first few minutes. Fast play by the Chinese forwards was met by a steady defence, Oliver and Joyce shining, and Fletcher saved in rapid succession. The R.A. broke away and Gill just missed with a header, with Pau out of his goal. The first half was contested hotly, but Fung and Wong Mee both missed easy chances, and Jobe and Gill also put outside when well placed. The interval arrived with no score.

Pretty Football

Early incidents in the second half were a fine rush by the Chinese forwards, the left wing playing pretty football. Wong Mee tested Fletcher, but he was safe. The Chinese outside right missed several chances of crossing, and the R.A. had one glorious chance, Lau Kau missing in front of goal but the ball was bustled away. The Chinese scored after a great burst through by Wong-Mee, which Fletcher saved well but the ball came out to Fung, who scored cleverly.

The game at this stage was keenly fought out, and a little feeling crept in.

Two Ordered Off

Following pressure on the R.A. goal Oliver and Ip Pak-wa were given marching orders for what looked from the stand to be a light skirmish, but blows were delivered, not according to F.A rules.

The game deteriorated and although the R.A. came near with good efforts by Watson and Cotton, the Chinese held their lead and won by the only goal scored.

Comments

The match started brightly, the R.A. playing their usual hard game. There was not much in it, although South China's forwards missed many chances in the first few minutes. Fletcher kept a splendid goal, and Oliver, Joyce, and Bridgeman were strong in defence. Cotton and Watson were smart forward. Gill was a good leader, but was inclined to hang on too long to the ball.

South China were well served by Ip Pak-wa and Lau Mau on the left, but Fung missed many chances, and was not at his best. Wong Mee worked hard, but the outside right was not a success. The halves as a line were good and struggled gamely, against much heavier opposition. Li Tin-sang played a strong game at back. Pau was safe but had not so much to do as Fletcher.

CHINESE ATHLETIC v. CLUB DE RECREIO

Handicapped by the absence of several of their regular players Club de Recreio were unable to avert defeat on the Club ground on Saturday. They put up a surprisingly good fight, however, against a superior combination, and the game was quite an interesting one.

The teams were:—

Chinese Athletic:—Chan Sek-pui; Wong Shui-wo, Lai Yuk-tat; Ho Cho-yin, Wong Shui-wa, Lam Yuk-ying; Ng Kam-chuen, Sek Pui-tim, Wong Pak-chung, Suen Kam-shun, and Chan Kwong-iu.

Club de Recreio:—Beltrao; Xavier, Silva-Netto; Carvalho, Gomes, Souza; B. Gosano, Ward, Pereira, Rocha, and C. Gosano.

Referee:—Mr. Atkinson.

The opening stages were rather tame, neither side showing to very great advantage. B. Gosano and Ward were the first to show up prominently, the former bringing off a nice run and centre, which was splendidly cleared by Lai Yuk-tat. Both teams forced a corner but in each case the ball was put behind. Athletic began to get into their stride and Suen and Wong began a series of beautiful short passes down the field which had the Recreio defenders guessing. After 12 minutes Suen accepted a pass from Ng Kam-chuen, and, swerving round Xavier, gave Beltrao no chance with a hard low shot.

Matters continued to go in favour of Athletic, their forward work being of a high order, but Xavier and Silva-Netto gave an inspired display and repeatedly came to the rescue when a score seemed certain. Ward was warmly applauded for a delightful dribble right [sic] through the Athletic defence, but his shot was wide. Just before the interval Suen Kam-shun again found the net for Athletic with a glorious drive from just outside the penalty area.

Half-time:—

Athletic	2
Club de Recreio	0

A Spirited Rally

The Recreio were forced to remain on the defensive for a time after resuming, and Beltrao cleared smartly from Wong Pak-chung and Sek Pui-tim. The Recreio made a spirited rally after this and their efforts were rewarded when Ward completed a fine dribble with a ground shot which entered the corner of the net.

The Recreio were nearly on level terms a moment later, B. Gosano being just wide with an unstoppable shot. The Athletic were not long content with their narrow lead, and brilliant work by Suen Kam-shun presented Sek Pui-tim with a gift goal.

Play had not long restarted when Wong Pak-chung added a further point with a fine low drive, which went well out of Beltrao's reach.

The Athletic were having all the game now, but the Recreio defence continued to give a well nigh faultless display. With a minute to go, Recreio broke away, and Pereira reduced the lead with a good drive.

Result:—

Athletic	4
Club de Recreio	2

NAVY v. CLUB

As was expected, the Navy took both points from the Club in a game the concluding stages of which were marred by an unpleasant incident, Evans being ordered off the field for a foul on Bishop. Neither side was at its best and the standard of play was not very high, but the Club put up a very plucky fight and were unlucky on several occasions in front of goal.

The teams were as follows:—

Navy:—Brockman; McGregor, Baker; Chauner, Evans, Moss; Barkham, Firth, Peacock, Kernick, and Bowles.

H.K.F.C.:—Edwards; Holt, Bishop; McBride, Stewart, Watson; Reid, Alexander, Scott, Trambitsky, and Coppin.

Referee:—Mr. F. Smith.

The Club were the first to threaten danger, and Reid forced a fruitless corner. The Navy were not long in settling down and Edwards was soon called upon to clear a fine drive from Stewart. Beautiful work between Barkham and Firth led to two corners in quick succession, but in each case the Club backs were able to get the ball clear, whilst a moment later Kernick headed into Edwards's hands when nicely placed. Peacock opened the scoring after 10 minutes' play, the centre forward going through from a beautiful pass by Kernick.

The Club retaliated with a spirited attack in which Trambitsky and Scott were prominent, but the former missed a glorious chance of equalising when he shot wide with only Brockman to beat. Play continued slightly in favour of the Navy, the right wing being very effective, although carefully watched by Watson. Peacock increased the lead shortly before the interval from Barkham's centre.

Half-time:—

Navy	2
Club	0

A Fine Goal

The second half opened with the Navy pressing, but Bishop cleared in fine style and play was transferred to the other end, where the Club nearly opened their account when Brockman fumbled a pass back from Baker. The Club forwards were playing bright football at this stage and Trambitsky scored a fine goal after a clever piece of individual work.

Exchanges ruled even for a time, but the Navy went further ahead through Kernick, his shot leaving Edwards helpless.

The Club made desperate efforts to turn the tide, but found McGregor and Baker a sound pair of backs. Reid had a great chance, however, a few minutes from the end, but shot over from a good position.

Result:—

Navy	3
Club	1

KOWLOON v. SMALL UNITS

After being two goals to the good in the early stages of the game Small Units were again obliged to admit defeat, on this occasion by the odd goal in five.

Teams:—

Kowloon.—F. Angus, Robson, Pile, Dowman, Easterbrook, Bliss, Eastman, Hedley, Morgan, McKelvie, and Miles.

Small Units.—Penny, Dodshon, Joyce, Tomlin, Skinner, Grosvenor, Elliott, Saban, Smith, Coates, and Watson.

The home team were the first away, and Joyce was obliged to concede a corner which failed to produce any result. Small Units then settled down to play a forceful game, the forwards snapping up their passes in a manner which suggested that early goals would result. Sabin opened the scoring with a fine first timer from Skinner's pass.

Miles and Morgan were prominent in the home forward line, but Coates brought off a fine tackle and transferred the ball to Smith, who ran through to put Small Units further ahead.

Nothing daunted Kowloon set up a hot attack, and Dodshon and Joyce were kept busy clearing their lines, whilst Penny brought off several good saves. The home team opened their account as the result of a penalty, McKelvie giving Penny no chance with the shot.

Play was evenly contested for the remainder of the half, Hedley going close for Kowloon, while Coates and Watson both missed chances for the visitors.

Half Time:—

Small Units	2
Kowloon	1

Returning to the fray Kowloon attacked with vigour and Penny fumbled a shot from Eastman, but Dodshon managed to get the ball away for a fruitless corner. Watson broke away in great style but found his match in Pile, who brought off a great tackle. At the other end a fine piece of combined work between Eastman and Miles brought the equaliser, Miles doing the necessary with a low drive.

Two corners in rapid succession were of no avail to Kowloon, who still continued to press. Hedley drove in a shot which Penny could not hold, and Hedley made no mistake with his second attempt.

Small Units made desperate efforts to get on terms once more and came very close on several occasions, notably when Smith sent just wide from a free kick. In the last minute of the game F. Angus brought off a splendid save from Smith.

Result:—

Kowloon	3
Small Units	2

League Div. II

KOWLOON v. SOUTH CHINA "B"

Kowloon dropped two more points, their opponents running out easy winners by four goals to one.

The visitors opened at a cracking pace, and after Chang Chit-yui had missed a couple of nice openings, the same player found the net with a beautiful drive which gave Nicholls no chance.

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CIVIL SERVICE COLLAPSE—A SURPRISE

UNIVERSITY II. BEATEN

With the championships decided, and the season drawing to a close, interest in local cricket seems to be on the wane, only two League matches being decided on Saturday one in each division.

In the Senior League, the Civil Service C.C., playing their last fixture, surprisingly collapsed against the Royal Artillery, after being set the small score of 50 runs. The former have had a particularly poor season and stand a chance of being relegated next year; at the best they can only tie for the bottom place with Craigengower C.C., who have a match in hand.

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps scored their initial points in the Second Division by gaining a creditable victory over the University 2nd—the latter were the champions last year.

League I

CIVIL SERVICE v. R.A.

At Happy Valley, the Civil Service C.C. lost to the Royal Artillery by five runs.

Bowlers had the upper hand throughout the match. The total of both sides reached 105 runs, the visitors' share being 55. B.S.M. Leach, with 24 to his credit, was the only double figure scorer.

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Royal Artillery

Capt. J. L. P. MacNair, l.b.w., b Ling	0
Gnr. Maltas, b Hamilton	7
B.S.M. Leach, b Baker	24
Lt. A. H. Musson, l.b.w., b Baker	1
Lt. R. F. Wright, b Kelly	10
Lt.-Col. W. F. Christian, b Baker	2
Lt. C. G. Christian, b Baker	4
Lt. J. A. Wolfe Barry, b Baker	0
Lt. A. R. Miller, c Holdman, b Baker	0
Lt. E. H. Walter, not out	0
Sgt. Glazebrook, b Baker	0
Extras	7
Total	55

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Reed	5	2	9	0
Ling	5	1	16	1
Hamilton	3	1	10	1
Baker	5.1	2	12	7
Kelly	3	2	1	1

Civil Service C.C.

B. D. Evans, b Musson	8
J. Barrow, c and b Musson	6
G. H. Wallington, b Musson	0
F. Baker, b Musson	9
E. W. Hamilton, b Musson	5
F. H. Holdman, b W. F. Christian	1
E. B. Reed, b Musson	0
B. C. K. Hawkins, b W. F. Christian	0
D. R. Kelly, c C. G. Christian, b Musson	8
W. H. Edmonds, not out	1
F. J. Ling, c Wolfe Barry, b Musson	4
Extras	8
Total	50

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W
W. F. Christian	9	4	18	2
Musson	9	3	24	8

League II

UNIVERSITY 2ND v. R.A.O.C.

At Pokfulam, the University 2nd XI. lost to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps by two wickets.

Consistent scoring by the earlier batsmen was chiefly responsible for the respectable total of 158 compiled by the home team, toward which Baker contributed 88. Sgt. Anderson (6 for 88) was the most successful bowler for the soldiers.

After losing three wickets for 22 runs, Wisher (64) and Anderson (28) brought the score to 111 for the fourth wicket. Greenaway, going in late, made 34 in quick time, the visitors' total reaching 185. Scores:—

University 2nd XI.

S. R. Kermani, c Wood, b Morgan	22
H. T. Barma, c Corbett, b Morgan	2
A. Baker, b Anderson	88
A. B. Suleiman, b Anderson	18
M. B. Osman, l.b.w., b Anderson	2
F. Hiptoola, b Anderson	28
A. A. Aziz, b Anderson	10
K. P. Gan, b Anderson	1
A. Chan Fook, c Rowe, b Brooks	2
K. T. Loke, not out	6
G. E. Yeoh, c Brooks, b Morgan	0
Extras	24
Total	158

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Corbett	6	1	25	0
Morgan	8.2	0	31	3
Anderson	12	3	38	6
Wisher	3	0	17	0
Howe	3	0	13	0
Brooks	4	2	10	1

R.A.O.C.

Pte. Garner, b Hiptoola	1
Q.M.S. Wisher, c Kermani, b Aziz	64
L/Cpl. Morgan, b Chan Fook	4
Sgt. Sharpe, run out	4
Sgt. Anderson, c Baker, b Suleiman	28
Cpl. Rowe, c Baker, b Suleiman	4
Pte. Brooks, b Aziz	0
Pte. Corbett, c Barma, b Hiptoola	19
S/Sgt. Greenaway, st Kermani, b Baker	34
Pte. Rial, c Suleiman, b Baker	13
L/Cpl. Wood, not out	1
Extras	13
Total	185

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Baker	12.3	3	44	2
Hiptoola	9	1	39	2
Chan Fook	7	0	35	1
Suleiman	6	0	26	2
Osman	2	0	16	0
Aziz	4	0	12	2

Friendly Matches

HAYWARD'S v. HANCOCK'S XI.

On the Hong Kong C.C. ground, Mr. A. W. Hayward's XI drew with Mr. H. R. B. Hancock's team in a match which produced 443 runs for the loss of fifteen wickets.

Batting first, the former's team put up 251 for six wickets, the captain himself heading the list with a polished display for 81. Owen Hughes helped with 67, not out, in a bright innings.

Faced with this big score, the opposing side just averted defeat with one wicket in hand, H. R. B. Hancock and Capt. Dobbie playing out time. Lt. Maxwell, going in at a critical time, came to the rescue with a welcome contribution of 50 runs.

The bowlers, on either side, were expensive on a wicket which favoured high scoring. Scores:—

Mr. A. W. Hayward's XI.

A. W. Hayward, b Summers	81
O. Moor, l.b.w., b Dobbie	29
E. R. Duckitt, c Mitchell, b Quick	5
H. Owen Hughes, not out	67
J. L. Bonnar, c Stanion, b Tait	8
R. H. Dowler, b Quick	1
G. E. R. Divett, c sub., b Quick	27
Comdr. Baker, not out	13
Extras	20
Total (for 6 wkts., dec.)	251

H. L. F. Ewin, A. Reid and B. L. Stock did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dobbie	9	1	34	1
Tait	6	0	50	1
Summers	7	0	58	1
Quick	12	0	53	3
North	4	0	36	0

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock's XI.

E. J. R. Mitchell, c Owen Hughes, b Baker	12
L. A. R. Duncan, c Hayward, b Stock	28
Dr. North, b Reid	0
V. W. L. Stanion, b Bonnar	32
J. A. Summers, c Owen Hughes, b Bonnar	0
Lt. Maxwell, c Diett, b Bonnar	50
W. K. Tait, b Bonnar	11
S. J. Jordain, c and b Bonnar	1
Rev. E. K. Quick, b Owen Hughes	20
H. R. B. Hancock, not out	26
Capt. A. G. Dobbie, not out	6
Extras	6
Total (for 9 wkts.)	192

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Baker	9	3	26	1
Reid	9	2	36	1
Bonnar	10	1	51	5
Stock	7	0	36	1
Divett	4	0	23	0
Owen Hughes	2	0	14	1

RECREIO v. C.C.C.

At King's Park, Club de Recreio defeated the Craigengower C.C. by six wickets.

Alves, who was in fine form with the ball, took six wickets for 34 and helped in a large way to dismiss Craigengower for 90 runs.

For the Recreio, F. J. Remedios scored 41 runs out of a total of 121. Scores:—

Craigengower C.C.

H. P. Lim, c and b Xavier	0
F. Oliver, c Carvalho, b Alves	18
W. J. Howard, c Guterres, b Sousa	13
A. B. Hamson, c F. J. Remedios, Sousa	6
J. A. Victor, b Sousa	0
B. W. Bradbury, b Alves	21
R. C. Reed, c and b Alves	2
G. Remedios, b Alves	4
E. Olviera, b Alves	6
H. Hyndman, not out	2
C. Lopes, c Xavier, b Alves	6
Extras	12
Total	90

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Xavier	4	1	10	1
Carvalho	6	1	14	0
Alves	8	0	34	6
Sousa	6	0	20	3

Club de Recreio

A. A. Remedios, b Oliver	16
J. Figueiredo, b Oliver	7
F. J. Remedios, run out	41
C. M. Sousa, b Oliver	0
A. P. Silva, c Lim, b Oliver	1
H. Alves, l.b.w., b Bradbury	16
D. P. Xavier, c Bradbury, b Hamson	7
H. A. Barros, run out	6
F. H. Carvalho, b Bradbury	5
L. J. Gutarres, c Hamson, b Lim	0
G. Danenberg, not out	0
Extras	22
Total	121

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Oliver	7	3	22	4
Bradbury	9	0	35	2
Reed	4	0	25	0
Hamson	6	1	17	1
Lim	2	0	0	1

ELECTRIC R.C. v. D.B.S.

On their own ground, the Electric R.C. lost to the Diocesan Boys' School by five wickets.

For the School team, R. Lee's bowling (6 for 48) was a big factor in putting out the home team for 81. Going on for a short spell, Winch accounted for three wickets for which he gave away one run apiece.

Although they started shakily, losing three wickets for 13, the D.B.S. ultimately mastered their opponents' bowling and scored 176. Winch (64 undefeated), was top-scorer, J. Lee helping with 51. Scores:—

Electric R.C.

W. H. N. Murdoch, c R. Lee, b Kwan	1
L. de Rome, c F. K. Lee, b R. Lee	23
J. C. Dunbar, b R. Lee	2
J. R. Way, b R. Lee	15
G. G. S. Thomson, l.b.w., b Winch	13
W. B. Muskett, b R. Lee	0
S. C. Banks, c J. Lee, b R. Lee	9
G. T. Padgett, J. Lee, b R. Lee	0
H. S. Jones, c and b Winch	6
E. L. Groome, b Winch	3
W. E. Peers, not out	0
Extras	9
Total	81

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Lee	11	1	48	6
Kwan	4	0	16	1
Prata	2	1	5	0
White	1	0	4	0
Winch	3.3	2	3	3

Diocesan School

W. H. Kwan, l.b.w., b Muskett	4
F. K. Lee, b Banks	2
J. Lee, c Peers, b Banks	51
A. Prata, l.b.w., b Murdoch	11
R. Lee, c Way, b Banks	1
J. White, b Way	1
J. Winch, not out	64
H. Jackson, c and b Way	5
G. Kotewall, run out	6
B. Chan, b Muskett	2
E. Wood, l.b.w., b Muskett	18
Extras	11
Total	176

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Muskett	14	2	39	3
Banks	10	0	45	2
Way	7	0	27	2
Murdoch	9	0	54	1

POLICE R.C. v. C.S.C.C. 2ND

On their own ground, the Police R.C. lost to the Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI. by one wicket.

The home team scored 68 runs, Meadows (26) and Lacey (19) contributing 45 between them. Freeman captured five wickets for 17 runs, whilst Westlake accounted for four for 20.

Needing five runs to win with their last pair in, the Civil Service went on to make a total of 86. Scores:—

Police R.C.

Hunter, b Westlake	8
Randle, b Westlake	2
Meadows, b Westlake	26
Lacey, not out	19
Noonan, c Carr, b Freeman	1
Edwards, c and b Freeman	0
Dyer, b Freeman	0
Howard, c Haynes, b Westlake	5
Drummond, c Eldridge, b Freeman	0
Parsons, c O'Neill, b Freeman	0
Extras	7
Total	68

One man absent.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Westlake	8	1	20	4
Eldridge	8	0	12	0
Freeman	5.2	2	17	5
O'Neill	1	0	12	0

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

R. F. Jones, b Lacey	0
W. G. Eldridge, b Randle	26
F. Haynes, b Lacey	0
V. Chittenden, b Lacey	9
H. F. Westlake, c Hunter, b Lacey	0
V. H. Freeman, l.b.w., b Lacey	0
R. R. Davies, b Dyer	20
T. W. Carr, c Edwards, b Dyer	4
T. Armstrong, c Lacey, b Dyer	0
B. E. Maughan, b Dyer	17
P. O'Neill, not out	6
Extras	4
Total	86

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lacey	8	3	28	5
Randle	7	1	26	1
Noonan	4	1	7	0
Dyer	3	0	21	4

LEAGUE TABLES

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Hong Kong C.C.	7	5	2	0	17
University	7	4	1	2	18
Kowloon C.C.	8	3	3	2	12
Royal Navy	8	3	1	4	10
Royal Artillery	6	3	0	3	9
Indian R.C.	6	2	2	2	8
Chinese R.C.	7	2	1	4	7
Craigengower C.C.	7	1	3	3	6
Civil Service C.C.	8	1	3	4	6

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
H.K.C.C. 2nd	11	10	0	1	30
Indian R.C. 2nd	12	9	1	2	28
R.E. & S.	11	8	0	3	24
Kowloon C.C. 2nd	11	5	4	2	19
Recreio	12	5	1	6	16
University 2nd	10	4	2	4	14
C.S.C.C. 2nd	10	4	2	4	14
R.A.S.C.	10	4	2	4	14
Craigengower 2nd	11	4	2	5	14
Police R.C.	11	3	0	8	9
Royal Navy 2nd	9	2	1	6	7
Electric R.C.	10	0	3	7	3
R.A.O.C.	8	1	0	7	3

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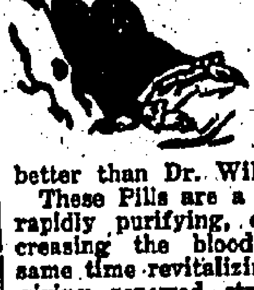

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Albert Coates & London Symphony Orchestra.

"Knowest Thou The Land?" (Ambroise Thomas)
"Here Am I In Her Boudoir" (Thomas)
Soprano, Lucrezia Bori.

10.10 p.m.—News Bulletin.

"Serenade For The Doll" (Debussy)
"Capriccio" (Scarlatti)
Piano Solo, Vladimir Horowitz.

"The Dance Of The Blue Danube" (Fred Fisher)
"I Can't Do Without You" (Irving Berlin).
Organ Solo, Jesse Crawford.

"Count Of Luxemburg—Waltz" (Lehar)
"Merry Widow—Waltz" (Lehar)
International Concert Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

Five cases of small-pox, one case of diphtheria and one case of enteric (all Chinese) were notified during the 24 hours ended on March 8.

VARSITY GATHERING

MAY HALL SOCIAL AND DANCE

CLASSICAL DANCING

"A complete success" was the verdict of those who on Saturday night attended the annual concert and dance of May Hall of the Hong Kong University.

Residents of the hostel and their friends numbered about 500, one of the biggest gatherings which has filled the spacious hostel Hall. The decorations, whilst not elaborate, were very happily conceived and had a pleasing touch of originality about them. Streamers and bunting formed the main items in the decorations, being draped in bunches over the lights and slung across the width of the hall, just high enough to clear the heads of the revellers. Lanterns around the hall added their lights to the illumination.

Gay coloured balloons were hung from the ceiling and floated gently about in the breeze from the open windows. The whole made the interior of the hall a very inviting place in which the spirit of merriment was immediately communicated to the visitor. Further colour was added to the picturesqueness of the scene by the pretty dresses of the many lady guests.

The Concert

The concert was held first. It opened with the Chinese National Anthem, which was followed by the Orchestra playing the "Cavalier" overture. The musicians composing the orchestra were all residents of the hostel, and they gave a very creditable performance. They were Messrs. Chan Fung-kee (piano), H. Clarence Leong, Tan Wei-han, and Wong Man-on (violins), Li Kwok-yan (trumpet), Ko Yan-cheung (trombone), Lau Man-hin (saxophone), and Henry Chan (drums).

The next item was a very dainty classical dance, entitled "Flower Dance," by the Misses Peggy and Pearl Ma, who showed themselves very much at home in the intricate steps which were performed with a lightness of feet and grace of movement which promptly made them favourites with the audience.

A Chinese Comedy

"Death Contract" was the title of a Chinese comedy presented by a group of residents who were plainly described on the programme as "Ourselves."

The plot was as follows:—

Famous artist in poverty—Brother finds that his pictures can be sold at high prices should the artist be dead. Wife failing to arrange artist's death—intoxicates him. Thinking artist dead, Connoisseur buys pictures — Brother and wife cash cheque. Connoisseur goes to artist's house to remove his purchase, and finding artist still alive is greatly astonished. Brother and wife return and proclaim that a "Death" contract settles all affairs!

Pleasing Dancing

The Misses Peggy and Pearl Ma again delighted the audience with a "Hornpipe," then the orchestra entertained with "Hiawatha's Melody of Love" and "Down Main Street." Another dancing treat was offered by Miss Rachel Wong in a classical piece called "Dainty Miss," which incidentally is an apt description of the chic young dancer.

The programme was closed with the "Minstrel's Serenade" played as a piano duet by the Misses Lois Todd and Choy Oi-chee. They both showed excellent technique with a rather original interpretation which was quite pleasing.

Dancing to excellent music supplied by the Dance Orchestra of H.M.S. "Hermes" was then indulged in until a late hour.

Much credit is due to the following officials who were responsible for the excellent arrangements:—

Warden, Mr. H. G. Hughes, M.A.; Chairman, Mr. Huang Tsun-ming; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Cheung Kung-leung; and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. L. Mincheng Boey.

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VACCINATION

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

WEEKLY RETURN

The number of Chinese vaccinated, free of charge, by members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including March 7 was:—

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	28,229
King's College Division	27,089
Railway Division	8,175
Indian Division	4,927
Kowloon Division	105,348
Mongkok Division	123,402
Shaukiwan Division	7,729
Un Long	1,618
St. Joseph's College Division	6,754
Victoria Nursing Division	691
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division	[illegible]
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BACHELORS' BALL

CRAIGENGOWER C.C.'s GAIETY

HAPPY GATHERING

The Bachelors of the Craigengower Cricket Club gave a Ball at the Club, Happy Valley, on Saturday night, and it was an unqualified success.

Several hundreds of merry-makers attended. Many "bachelor girls" were there and gave much needed support to the mere male bachelors. The Benedicks were, of course, welcomed, and they brought along the ladies of their families.

They all mixed well for the evening, particularly the men, at the bar, whilst their wives and sweethearts were dancing. Some of the cocktails they mixed were really hot stuff!

It was a very happy gathering because the said wives and sweethearts were indulgent for once, and everybody had a good time. Everyone danced. They could not do otherwise, as the music of the "Footwarmers" Dance Orchestra was irresistible.

The spacious Club Hall, beautifully decorated with a colour scheme of green and gold, was heavily taxed for accommodation, but Mr. Basa and his organising committee with their usual forethought had a "sitting-out" shed erected on the grounds, and everyone had comfortable accommodation.

A light supper was served, whilst refreshments, both soft and otherwise, were plentiful as anyone who has had experience of the well-known Craigengower hospitality can guess.

The merriment lasted to a late —or rather early—hour.

EARLY CALLER

WENT TO SEE A FRIEND AT 4.30 A.M.

SCEPTICAL MAGISTRATE

A Chinesee was on Saturday charged before M. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy, with the unlawful possession of intruments which might be used for a felonious purpose.

The instruments exhibited in Court were a spanner, a knife and a wire pick-lock.

Accused claimed that he had picked the things up on Friday, while working in the Royal Army Service Corps' workshed as an odd job coolie.

A Chinese detective gave evidence that at 4.30 on Saturday morning he found the accused under the verandah in Tai Wong-street, Wanchai. Accused was near a door and behaved in a suspicious manner. Witness searched him and found the implements in his pockets.

Asked by the Magistrate what he was doing there at that early hour of the morning, accused said that he was on his way to see a friend to borrow 20 cents to drink tea before going to work.

Remarking that it was rather early in the morning to look up a friend, his Worship convicted accused, commenting that it was obvious that the instruments were for an unlawful purpose.

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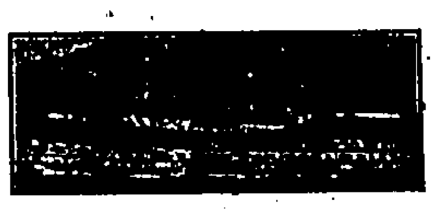

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His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 1 of 1929.—An Ordinance to amend the Supreme Court Ordinance, 1873.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1929.—An Ordinance to amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1891.

Ordinance No. 3 of 1929.—An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the taxation of tobacco.

Ordinance No. 4 of 1929.—An Ordinance to amend the Watchmen Ordinance, 1928.

Ordinance No. 5 of 1929.—An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law with respect to certain unclaimed balances and certain other unclaimed sums.

RAFFLE RESULT

The draw—which took place on Friday at the "China Mail" office —for the 5 seater Buick car, grand piano, Chesterfield and two armchairs and a teakwood silver cabinet, resulted as follows:—1st, No. 99; 2nd, No. 663; 3rd, No. 382; 4th, No. 444.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Manila on March 10 (Sun.) at 8 a.m., leaves Manila on March 15 (Fri.) at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on March 17 (Sun.) at 8 a.m.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd.; are as follows:—

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S.S. "City of Delhi," for Shanghai and Japan, March 18.

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The s.s. "City of Khios" for Manila and U.K., March 28.

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The s.s. "Glenbank" for Haiphong, April 26.

The s.s. "Comliebank" for Shanghai and Chinwangtao, April 27.

The s.s. "City of Delhi" for Singapore and U.K., May 9.

Mrs. Annyta Hein Rabinoff (above), member of the Chicago "400" and formerly an artiste of the Berlin opera, has filed a suit for separate maintenance against Samuel R. Rabinoff, attorney, financier and former member of the German Reparations Committee. She gave up a career at his instance.

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

March 8 to 14, 1929.

Date		High Water		Lower Water.	
March		Standard Times	Ht	Standard Times	Ht.
Fri.	8	m 0 24	4.1	m 2 23	1.2
		7 26a	6.8	1 3 a	3.7
Sat.	9	m 9 25	4.3	m 2 54	1.0
		8 9a	7.1	1 50 a	3.3
Sun.	10	m 9 42	4.5	m 3 24	0.8
		8 50a	7.3	2 34 a	2.9
Mon.	11	m 10 1	4.8	m 3 53	0.8
		9 30a	7.3	3 17 a	2.5
Tues.	12	m 10 22	5.2	m 4 21	1.0
		10 11a	7.1	4 0 a	2.1
Wed.	13	m 10 46	5.5	m 4 52	1.3
		10 59a	6.7	4 44 a	1.8
Thurs	14	m 11 15	5.8	m 5 24	1.6
		11 51a	6.1	5 31 a	1.7

Foot-and-mouth disease has broken out at Colbourn, near Catterick, Yorkshire, and Flore, Northamptonshire.

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T'tau via S'tow & S'hai	HANGSANG	Sun., 24th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	FOOKSANG	Sun., 17th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Thurs., 21st Mar. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Sat., 16th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Fri., 22nd Mar. at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINGSANG	Sun., 17th Mar. at 10 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri., 5th Apr. at 3 p.m.
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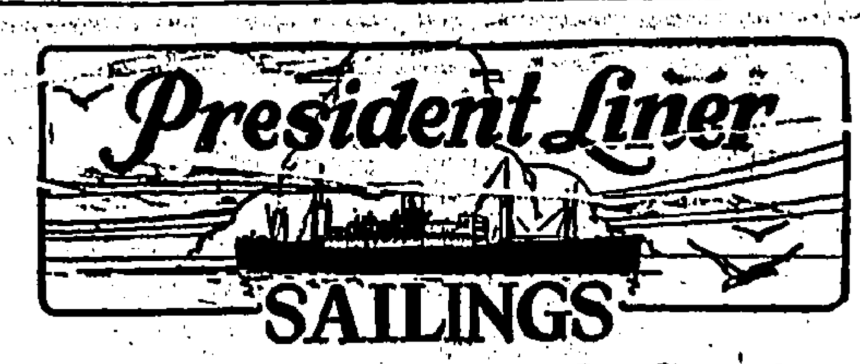

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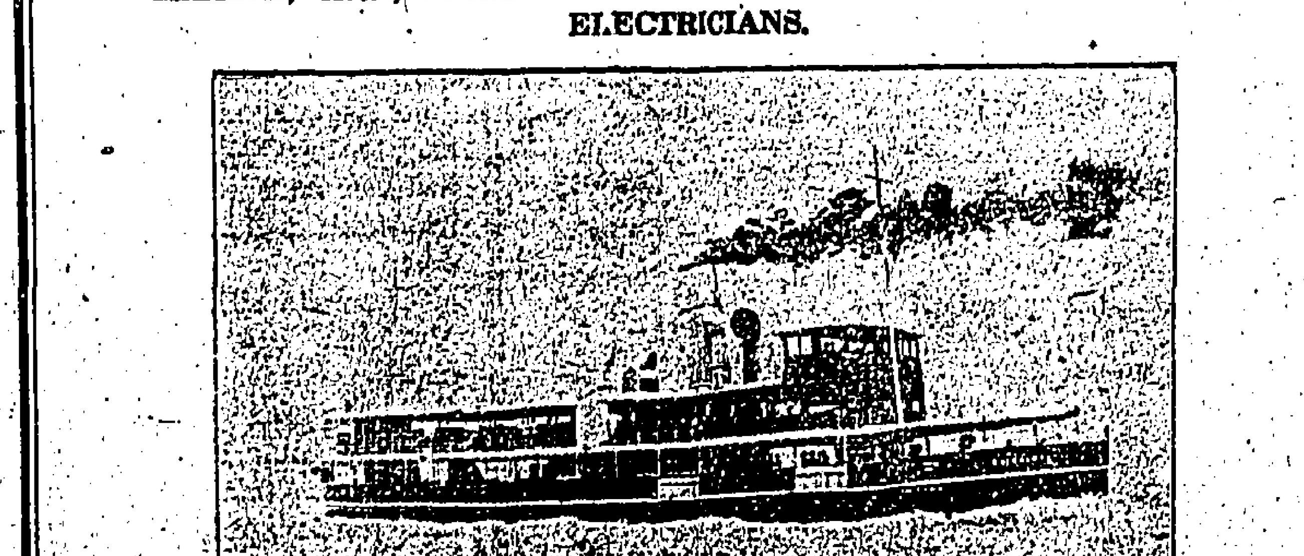

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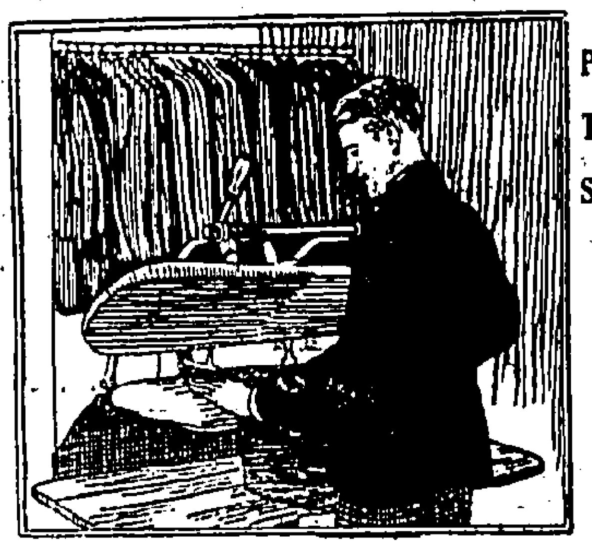

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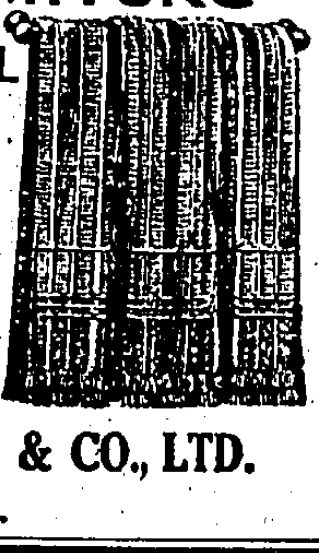

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BY AIR TO INDIA AND THE CAPE

What was for so very many years little more than a figment of the imagination, namely, the journey by air from England to India and to South Africa is now fast approaching a practical reality. Last week, Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Ministry, in introducing the Estimates for his department for the current year, referred to the likelihood of a regular air service from Croydon to Kerachi within no distant date and of the possibility of a similar service being organised from London to Capetown, Sir Samuel appeared to have more to say at the time of the project to South Africa, probably owing to the fact that a very considerable amount of time and trouble, together with important tests both from England and Cairo at what may be described as "that end," had been equalled by similar demonstrations of activity by South African fliers. The excellent pioneer work of Lady Bailey, Sir Alan and Lady Cobham, and Captain and Mrs. Bentley was duly recognised and praised by the Air Minister, who rightly pointed out that but for what these pioneers had done the London to Cape journey would still be a long way off realisation. Judging by the activity displayed, the Air Ministry is determined to accelerate this journey, and it is probable that before the end of the present year at least a mail service will be flying regularly over that vast stretch of 6,246 miles.

Meanwhile, we are about to witness the realisation of the hopes long held regarding the feasibility of a regular air service from London to India. The trip has been frequently accomplished in quite good time—on one occasion by Sir Samuel and Lady Hoare—and it is somewhat surprising that the regular service has not been started considerably earlier. Since Sir Samuel Hoare mentioned the matter, Reuter has sent a telegram announcing that the first "outer flight" with regard to the regular England-India air service will be started on March 30 when Imperial Airways, Ltd., will put into operation a massive 22-seater Armstrong-Siddeley air-liner. Only mail will be carried on the first trip, though many requests have been made for passages. It is believed that there will be over a ton of letters carried on the occasion, which is indeed a very good start.

There can be little doubt, after what has taken place by way of preliminary tests and owing to the very considerable advance in aviation generally that the experiment will be a great success and one that will lead to a very long step being taken towards regular air services being held to India, the Cape and even to the Far East and elsewhere in the not too distant future.

In the religious world we find a zeal for the suppression of "unorthodox" opinions and for the enactment of oppressive legislation. It is the duty of those who foresee danger to warn those who will be affected thereby, and help them to prevent or mitigate results by doing away, if possible, with their origin. The causes of these conditions are not physical, they have their origin in the mental world. Thoughts are very real things. They are the originators of everything man has done, made, or said. The peril which now hangs over mankind is not only a very material one which can be ver, easily understood, but a spiritual one which is not; though why it should be so imminent now more than at any other previous time in history, is known only to those who have studied the matter and are able to read the signs and warnings which prophecy long ago told would be given when the time approached for its fulfilment. There is always a way of escape for those who will take it.—"The Referee" (London).

The Police have effected the arrest of a sixth man, suspected to have been concerned in the murder of the gardener-caretaker of Eli Cottage, an unoccupied house in Kowloon Tong. The man was formally charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith on Saturday and remanded.

Six cases of small-pox were notified over the week-end—two from the Victoria district and four from Kowloon. All were Chinese. One case of enteric fever was reported, also Chinese.

This forenoon's temperature was 71 degrees, as compared with 64 degrees yesterday morning.

Normal cable working between Hong Kong and Shanghai and beyond has been re-established, the E. E. Telegraph Co. announces.

Yesterday afternoon the Fire Brigade was called out to a fire in Catchick-street, Kennedy Town. It proved to be a small outbreak in the chimney and was easily extinguished. A few minutes after returning to the station they had again to turn out in answer to another call from Hatton-road. This time it was a grass fire, which was promptly put out.

Early yesterday morning a serious outbreak of fire occurred at No. 73, Wing Lok-street, in the centre of the Chinese business quarters. The building was well alight when the Fire Brigade arrived. The firemen succeeded, however, in preventing the flames spreading to the neighbouring houses. No. 73 was gutted and damage amounting to thousands of dollars was done. Amongst the valuable commodities destroyed by the fire were stocks of shark's fins and marine products.

A cable was received in Hong Kong on Saturday announcing the death at Dundee, the same day, of Mrs. Mary McEwen, mother of Sergeant McEwen, of the Hong Kong Police, and widow of Chief Inspector R. G. McEwen, of the Sanitary Board. She lived many years in Hong Kong, her husband being first attached to the Police and later transferring to the Sanitary Department. She went Home in 1914. Much sympathy will be felt for her two sons, one of whom is in Dundee and was formerly in the Hong Kong Police, and other relatives in the Colony, including Mr. and Mrs. Dick and Mr. and Mrs. Reid.

JAPANESE BANKING

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK DIVIDEND

YEAR'S PROFITS

The local office of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., is in receipt of a cablegram from the head office to the effect that at the 98th half-yearly ordinary general meeting of the shareholders held at the head office of this Bank at Yokohama on the 9th inst., the report submitted showed a net profit of Yen 17,346,622.43, including Yen 8,281,611.36 carried over from last account. It was resolved to pay a dividend of 10 per cent. (absorbing Y5,000,000) for the half year ended December 31, 1928, to add to the Reserve Fund Yen 3,000,000, and to carry forward the sum of Yen 9,346,622.43 to the next account.

UNION CHURCH

GENEROUS OFFER OF KOWLOON PADRE

At the morning service in the Union Church, Kowloon, yesterday, the Rev. J. Johnston made an earnest appeal to his congregation to support so far as laid in their powers the work of the Church in all its activities. He spoke with sincere appreciation of his loyal office bearers, and their willing labours as a tribute to their voluntary work and to encourage such a spirit of service he announced his intention of forfeiting a month's stipend, offering it to the Church for whatever purpose it might be best be used.

LONDON MYSTERY

Police and others who rushed to the spot when a revolver shot was heard on the Thames Embankment at three o'clock on January 9, found Mr. Werner Stiel, a German, dying near the foot of the Cleopatra Needle, with a bullet wound in the head. A revolver was at his side. He died shortly afterwards in Charing Cross Hospital.

Mr. Stiel, who was about thirty-five years of age, was a woollen agent with an office in Grafton House, Golden-square. He had been in England about two years, and lived with his wife and little daughter in a flat in Harcourt-terrace, Fulham.

Mrs. Stiel, the widow, declared that the tragedy was inexplicable. "We were so happy together, and I cannot understand it," she said.

"My husband was the son of very wealthy parents in Germany. Before the war he was an officer in the German cavalry. During the war he served with the Uhlans, and had a distinguished record in France."

An American business man who was a friend of Mr. Stiel said he understood that Mr. Stiel's parents had been millionaires, but their affairs were not so flourishing after the war.

A letter to the coroner was found on Mr. Stiel's body.

NEXT SHOW

COMMITTEE MAKE EARLY ARRANGEMENTS

QUESTION OF VENUE

At a meeting of the New Territories Agricultural Show, held at the Tung Ying Hok Po, Sir Robert Ho Tung's experimental farm at Sheung Shui, on Saturday, officers for the year were elected and plans for the work for the third year formulated.

Among those present were the Rev. H. R. Wells, Lady Ho Tung, Messrs. J. A. Fraser, (District Officer), F. C. Mow Fung, C. M. Manners, F. W. Stapleton (Kowloon Residents' Association), Fung Ki-cheuk (of Fanling), Tang Wei-tong (one of the leading elders of the New Territories), Leung Hon-kai (proprietor of the Castle Peak Restaurant), Tsoi Po-tin (a local contracto), Ng Sing-chi (hon. Chinese Secretary), J. D. Bush (hon. English Secretary) and others. Sir Robert Ho Tung, T. P. Tong (of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank), and Mr. J. L. McPherson were unavoidably absent.

The Rev. H. R. Wells was elected Chairman, with Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Fraser, Vice-Chairman. Mr. J. D. Bush, Mr. Ng Sing-chi and Mr. T. P. Tong (hon. treasurer) were re-elected to their respective posts.

New Year's Exhibition

The date for the next Show was fixed for January 4 and 5.

Mr. Manners suggested the advisability of holding the Show at Hunghom, somewhere near the Railway. It was for promoters to make the Show interesting both to the farmers and the general public of the Peninsula and Hong Kong.

Mr. Mow Fung expressed the view that if the exhibition was held in Yaumati it would not impede the progress of the Show as long as it was held near the Railway Station, as easy transportation would be a great problem.

Mr. Tang Wei-tong held the original object of the Show was to promote progress of agriculture in the New Territories and during the past two years this aim had been maintained. The first thing was to consider the farmers, and to encourage them to grow better vegetables.

The Rev. Wells pointed out that it would be inconvenient to have the Show at Hunghom.

The meeting resolved to hold the exhibition near the Sheung Shui Railway Station.

Mr. Fraser suggested a site at a place called Sa Wu Hui. A committee was appointed to study the place and report at the next meeting.

An entertainment committee was appointed to map out plans to make the Show as interesting and attractive as possible. Messrs. Fung Kai-cheuk, Leung Hon-kai and Tang Yau-san were elected, with the assistance of Messrs. Fraser and Manners.

An Association

The committee are devising ways and means of forming the New Territories Agricultural Show into an Agricultural Association, soliciting membership throughout the New Territories, so that eventually the Association will gradually work on its policy of expansion and be made self-sustaining.

A special worker, Mr. Fung Fuk, was detailed to make clear to the farmers that if they desire to improve their soil they should submit specimens from time to time to the Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. (formerly Messrs. Brunner, Mond, Ltd.) for analysis in their laboratory in Shanghai. This firm has always been strong supporters of the Show.

The next meeting will be held on April 27 at the same place.

NERO'S TEACHER

BONES FOUND AT MENTANA

A magnificent sarcophagus of the Imperial period, containing a skull and various bones of great length and thickness, has been dug up by peasants at Mentana, near Rome.

Other graves, smaller and apparently of less importance, have also been discovered.

Seneca, according to Pliny, had a villa there, and it is believed the remains are those of the philosopher and his freedmen.

Leading archaeologists are studying the find, and will give the result of their researches before long.

Seneca was born about 4 B.C., and was educated for the Bar. He was entrusted by Agrippina with the education of her son Nero, in whose reign he became consul (A.D. 57). His wealth, accumulated under Nero's extravagance, is said to have excited the emperor's rapacity, and after an attempt on Nero's part to poison him had failed he was drawn into the Pisonian conspiracy, accused, convicted and condemned. He elected to open his veins and died of syncope (A.D. 65). Seneca was conspicuous for his [illegible]

Y.W.C.A.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CHINESE BRANCH

REPORT FOR THE YEAR

A satisfactory report was presented at the ninth annual meeting of the Chinese Young Women's Christian Association held on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Ma Wing-chan presided, supported by Mrs. Lee Ting-sung (Vice-President), Miss Shin Tak-hing (General Secretary), Mrs. Wong Yue-yee (Secretary of Board of Directors), and other members of the Committee.

Mrs. Ma Wing-chan extended a welcome to the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso and Rev. C. L. Cheung, two close supporters of the Association.

Building Fund

The report stated that since the greatest need of the Association is a building with adequate accommodation for its activities, the Association leaders have been engaged in raising funds for such a building. As a result of their efforts $37,000 has been pledged and half the amount already paid in.

Miss Shin Tak-hing, General Secretary, was the fraternal delegate to represent the Chinese National Y.W.C.A. at the biennial convention of the Y.W.C.A. of the United States in April. In America she found the Chinese committee friendly to the Y.W.C.A. They expressed their very real interest by contributing $4,000 gold to the building fund.

Seven delegates from Hong Kong attended the National Y.W.C.A. convention in Shanghai during the summer. Before the year's work began a Workers' Retreat was held in Kowloon City in the gardens of Mr. Tsang Fu. Over 50 volunteer workers came for this day of planning, fellowship and reconsecration.

480 Members

There are now 480 members. Many Chinese women have not had a chance to study as they desire, therefore the Y.W.C.A. opens classes in Chinese, English, Mandarin, home nursing, first aid, Chinese and foreign cooking. Over 150 women and girls are enrolled. The broader phases of women's education such as citizenship, home planning, health are provided through lectures and discussion groups. Three popular education schools with an enrolment of 125 are estalished near the factories. Their greatest need is for text books more suitable for everyday life. Four volunteer teachers conduct an amah's school, averaging 38. Seventeen pupils secured home nursing certificates, five first aid certificates, three the third year medallion, and four the fourth year bar. Seven members of the Y.W.C.A. branch of the St. John Ambulance Corps were given certificates to vaccinate. These members were called on for duty at the Tattoo. They go regularly for practice nursing to the Government Civil Hospital. A mother's study group of over twenty young matrons was started this year. At their fortnightly meetings they discuss such problems as home hygiene, decoration, recreation, social life, finance, home relationships, such as husband and wife, with servants, education for children, the large versus the small family system, and the ideal home.

Health

Dr. L. S. Shin acts as the Association doctor and members and their families go to him for free consultation. A health campaign was held in conjunction with the Y.M.C.A. for five days, with talks, slides, posters and physical examinations. Over 300 people were examined and over 600 attended meetings. As part of the Girls' Club programme good health information is stressed.

Naturally women are interested in building good citizens for the future, so the Y.W.C.A. is interested in baby welfare. There are three centres established for clinic work, at the Y.W.C.A., the Y.M.C.A. and in Kowloon at 332 Nathan-road. A total of 1,805 babies have been helped in the year. Baby welfare talks are given fortnightly to the mothers, on feeding, growth and development, vaccination, teething, common ailments and emergencies and their treatment. Each baby has its own record book, and many mothers are so interested in their babies' progress that they never miss a clinic day. A special child health conference was held for two days in Kowloon with exhibits of clothing, baby needs and examinations. Over 70 babies were examined.

New Ideals

The principal address of the afternoon was delivered by the Rev. C. L. Cheung, who spoke of the new ideals before the womenhood of China, following upon their release from the bondage of old-time customs.

The Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso spoke of the responsibilities of the members.

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moral independence, earnestness and self-abnegation are the key-note of his teachings.

ANTI-RED VIGIL

RIVER SEAMEN CHIEF ARRESTED

HONG KONG SHIPS SUFFER

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakkai, Saturday.

Since the Canton Government raided the outlaw stronghold at Ku Tau Shan a few months ago, no report of piracy has been made.

The only anxiety to the local authorities at Kongmoon and its port, Pakkai, is the suppression of extremist activities.

Several Reds have been arrested of late, one of these being Mak Chung (alleged to have a long history in the underworld of Hong Kong), who is chairman of the River Boats Seamen's Union.

A sergeant of police attached to Pakkai station was arrested yesterday following the arrival of an official from Canton with his photo. He was taken into custody by his colleagues and detectives from the Municipal offices and, after a few questions, bundled into the Black Maria for transport to Military Headquarters.

Construction Work

Much construction work is being carried out under the direction of Im Pok-kau, the Mayor. Motor roads, public gardens, playgrounds, town cleaning and exploration and cultivation of Ku Tau Shan are some of the projects in hand.

The road from Pakkai to Kongmoon (now connected by rail) is to be completed in six months.

Never have the local waterways been so safe for traffic. Four motor-launches have been added to the Canton-Suncheong run, five tow-boats to the Canton-Kongmoon run; and two motor-boats are making ten trips a day between Kongmoon and Kucheng via Pakkai.

An Anomaly

Superficially, everything appears to be prosperous but business can still improve.

Steamboats from Hong Kong suffer because there are too many of them and also because cargoes for Sz Yap townships all come via the tow-boats from Malachau, Macao.

Foreign goods are cheaper further inland than at Kongmoon, the entrepot!

There is slightly less anti-Japanese activity but a good many merchants have restrained (voluntarily or otherwise) from buying and importing Japanese goods.

OPTIMISM PREVAILS

HANKOW OFFICIALS HOPE FOR PEACE

Hankow, Saturday.

The situation is quiet and there are no signs of military activity. Optimism continues to prevail, local officialdom expressing confidence that with the forthcoming arrival at Nanking of General Li Tsung-jen (the Kwangsi leader hitherto at Hankow) from Shanghai and of Marshal Li Chai-sum (the Kwangsi leader at Canton) from Canton, a peaceful settlement with the National Government over the Hunan coup can be negotiated.

The present disposition of the Hankow troops is stated, roughly, to be:—

80,000 men in the three cities of Wu-Han and stretching in an irregular line from Hankow northward along the Peking-Hankow Railway to Kwangshui (i.e., to the northern frontier of Hupeh province, watching the "Christian General's" men in Honan) and also along the north bank of the Yangtaze River down to Wusueh (to watch for an advance by Nanking's troops);

30,000 men garrisoning Hunan province, and its eastern boundary, separating it from Kiangsi province (the General of which supports Nanking);

20,000 men in the smaller towns of Hupeh province.—Reuter.

U.S. N VY

NEW CHIEF COMMANDER OF COMBINED FLEET

ADMIRAL W. V. PRATT

Washington, Saturday.

Admiral W. V. Pratt has been appointed Chief Commander of the combined United States Fleet in succession to Admiral Wiley.—Reuter's American Service.

[Admiral William Veazie Pratt was born at Belfast, Me., in 1869 and graduated in U.S. Naval College in 1889. He was rear-admiral in 1921, and commanded battleship division 4, Battle Fleet since 1923.]

EXPL SION IN U.S.

Scribner, Saturday.

A dozen cases of dynamite, stored in a barn to blast ice around bridges, exploded, killing four and injuring 80.—Reuter's American Service.

Sir John Cowan, chairman of Redpath, Brown and Co., steel constructional engineers of Edinburgh, has died at the age of 35.

VISCOUNT FINLAY

GREAT BRITISH JUDGE PASSES AWAY

FORMER CHANCELLOR

London, Yesterday.

The death is announced of Viscount Finlay of Nairn.

[Robert Bannatyne Finlay, born at Edinburgh in 1842, was the son of a doctor and first graduated in medicine before being called to the Bar in 1867. He became a bencher of the Inner Temple and later was M.P. for Inverness. He became Solicitor-General, under Lord Salisbury, as long ago as 1895, becoming Attorney-General in 1900 until the Conservative *debacle* in 1906. He was Lord Chancellor in 1916-18, and raised to the peerage, but he resigned to become the British Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague and a member of the International Court of Justice established by the League of Nations.

Lord Finlay was, with Sir Edwarde Clarke, the last of the great advocates of the 'nineties. He was one of the big leaders on the commercial side but occasionally appeared in *causes celebres* in opposition to Sir Charles Russell, Sir R. Webster and Sir H. James, whose names are almost forgotten outside the legal profession. After a long period as law officer, he returned to the premier position among private practitioners in the decade before the war.

Extremely Successful

There was an enormous demand for his services. His income must have been prodigious, and he seldom appeared except in the Appeal Courts, his speciality being the great legal issues decided by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. He was the type of great lawyer, profoundly learned and with an astonishing power of concentrated and technical argument, that required the closest attention by the presiding judges. After his short period as Lord Chancellor he devoted his whole time to his work as a judge of the two great International Courts.

Viscount Finlay's eldest son is that very able King's Bench Judge, Mr. Justice Finlay. A father and son on the Bench is probably without parallel since the ill-fated Sir Thomas More, of Henry VIII. reign, was Lord Chancellor, and his father a King's Bench judge.]

PRESIDENT HOOVER

ANNOUNCEMENT AS TO NEW COMMISSION

PROJECTED RESEARCH

Washington, Saturday.

President Hoover announces that the projected Research Commission will not only deal with the effective enforcement of prohibition but with narcotics, immigration and trade restrictions.—Reuter's American Service.

Fresh Propaganda

In order to bring Prohibition favourably before the public $50,000 of the Prohibition Appropriation Fund is being employed for educational purposes, posters, and cartoons stressing the evils of the liquor traffic.

"Play the Game"

Mr. Robert P. Lamont, Secretary of Commerce, has resigned from the Directorate of the Association against Prohibition on assuming Cabinet rank, as he desires "to play the game."—Reuter's American Service.

Lt.-Col. R. C. Freyberg, V.C., has been appointed to command the 1st Battalion of the Manchester Regiment.

Corinne Griffith.

REPARATIONS

EXPERTS SUGGEST A TENTATIVE SCHEME

NEW NOTE ISSUED

London, Yesterday.

The Committee of Experts have issued a Note which outlines a tentative scheme for the establishment of a bank for the international payment to deal with reparations, with a view to putting the matter on a peacetime business basis. Emphasis is laid on the purely tentative nature of the plan which, after further examination, is subject to rejection in part or in whole.

The experts, however, have been impressed with the belief that to achieve final settlement with which duty the committee is charged, it will be necessary to do away with a great part of the temporary wartime machinery that was created to collect reparations and to substitute permanent peacetime machinery.

The New Machinery

The new machinery may be needed in itself to handle the great new international movement of funds created by the reparations and war debts. The substitution of financial for political machinery should, it is believed, transfer the liquidation of Germany's international obligations from the realm of political discussion to the ordinary forms of business.

The primary function of such an institution would continue to be to act as trustee, receiving from Germany such annuities as may be arranged and disbursing them among the creditor nations.

The new bank would be in no sense a super-bank to exercise a dominating influence over existing institutions.

Strengthen Co-operation

The authors of the suggestion believe that its operations would tend to strengthen the co-operation that already has been developed between the central banks and which has been of such marked service in restoring the gold standard throughout the world and in other ways of stabilising financial conditions. It would supplement rather than duplicate existing institutions and it would assist rather than direct. It is claimed that the scheme would help both debtor and creditor countries, that it would be non-political, international and free from dominating financial relationship, and would act as a clearing-house and assist in the stabilisation of exchanges. On its directorate would be only men of experience and financial repute with advisory committees to supplement their efforts, and its offices would probably be in one of smaller countries.

Discussions of the committee next week are intended to clarify the project and to enable the committee to decide whether to proceed further with the plan or whether to postpone its consideration.—British Wireless Service.

DISASTROUS FIRE

WHOLE HOUSE GUTTED COMPLETELY

TWO HOURS' FIGHT

A disastrous fire occurred in Jervois-street early on Saturday morning, resulting in a whole house being completely gutted.

The building involved was house No. 72, occupied by a Chinese firm of California merchants. It started on the ground floor, where a quantity of cloth was stored. This fed the flames well and they spread rapidly, with the result that, in spite of the fact that the Fire Brigade arrived promptly on the scene, they found the fire had already spread to the upper floors and had a good grip of the building.

Almost from the start it was obvious that it was impossible to save the building, so the firemen turned their attention to confining the flames and preventing their spreading to the neighbouring houses. In this they were successful, although the two houses on either side of the gutted one had their windows scorched and suffered some damage from water.

The fight with the flames lasted the best part of two hours before they were subdued and finally extinguished. By that time all property in the house and the building itself were completely destroyed.

The extent of the loss has not yet been ascertained, but it is estimated to amount to several tens of thousands of dollars. Most of the property in the building is covered by insurance, however.

No lives were lost, those in the building escaping at the first indication of danger. The flames spread so rapidly that they barely had time to get into the street before the stairs collapsed, followed a little after by the upper floors.

Little or no property was saved but even so, those in the house may be considered lucky to have escaped with their lives.

"TEA FOR THREE"

SPLENDID COMEDY FOR QUEEN'S

PALATIAL YACHT

A yachting trip and a job combined—this was the joyful combination of affairs for Robert Z. Leonard's company when they filmed "Tea For Three,"—(the production coming to the Queen's Theatre to-morrow and Wednesday),—at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios recently.

The company, headed by Lew Cody and Aileen Pringle, passed a week on the yacht of a Pasadena millionaire, borrowed for the sea scenes, which depict a gay yachting party. The vessel cruised about in the Pacific off Catalina Island, and many were the joys of the summer outing, besides the work of making a picture at the same time.

The new picture is a farcical romance adapted from Roi Cooper Megrue's famous stage play, and Cody and Miss Pringle are co-starring in it as their second appearance as a team, their first being in "Adam And Evil." Owen Moore, Dorothy Sebastian, Phillips Smalley and many others of note are in the cast.

LESSON-SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, HONG KONG

"Man" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, March 10.

The Golden Text was: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah, 6:8).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet." (Ps. 8:4-6).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, "by Mary Baker Eddy: "Life is, always has been, and ever will be independent of matter, for Life is God, and man is the idea of God, not formed materially but spiritually, and not subject to decay and dust. The Psalmist said: "Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands. Thou hast put all things under his feet" (p. 200).

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN TO JAVA

China's total indebtedness to other countries, says the Chinese press, is $1,146,770,000. Twenty-eight loans were made with Japan, 23 with France, ten with Great Britain, nine with the United States, eight each with Russia and Austria, six with Germany, five with Belgium, two with Holland and one each with Italy, Spain, Sweden, Norway and Portugal.

The Amalgamated Street Unions of the International Settlement of Shanghai have telegraphed to the Waichiaopu, drawing attention to the fact that they have done their utmost to co-operate with the Municipal Council but the latter have broken their promise to increase the number of Chinese Councillors. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, therefore, is asked to take the matter up and to demand increased Chinese representation.

A telegram was received by Salvation Army headquarters in Peking and from there transmitted to Shanghai, indicating that the choice of General Higgins in succession to General Bramwell Booth is immensely popular. Following his election, congratulations poured in by cable, telegraph and post from officers and the rank and file of the Army in all countries, and among the assurances of loyal support was one from Commandant Eva Booth on behalf of herself and the American troops.

The commandant of the American Legation Guard has just been informed from Washington that he has been promoted to the rank of full Colonel from Lieut.-Colonel, says the "North China Standard." The new rank dates from December 28. Col. Holcomb and Mrs. Holcomb are being showered with congratulations. The colonel, who is senior commandant in Peking, entered the Marine Corps from civil life 28 years ago. He is still a young man, one of the keenest sportsmen in Peking, particularly fond of riding. He is master of the Peking hunt. This is his fourth tour of duty in Peking, he having been there in 1905, 1908 and 1918.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Skirts", also Sam Ku West and his Victor Harmony Trio.

To-day—World Theatre; "My Best Girl."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Merry Widow."

To-day — Majestic Theatre; "Wyoming."

Lammerts' Auctions

Mar. 12—At Auction Rooms, 4, Duddell-st., valuable leasehold properties in four lots, 3 p.m.

Mar. 13, 14, 15, 16—At 3, Bowen-road, a part of Mrs. C. Montague Ede's valuable household furniture, from 11 a.m.

Mar. 12—At Sales Room, valuable collection of Postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

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Sports

March 16—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C.'s Marathon Race, 3 p.m.

March 24—Fanling Hunt: Grand National Meeting.

Meetings

March 13—Fortieth annual meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., St. George's Bldg., Chater-rd., noon.

Mar. 14 — Forty-fifth general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., St. George's Bldg., Chater-rd., 11.30 a.m.

Mar. 16.—Ordinary yearly meeting of Shareholders of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Exchange Bigd., Des Voeux-rd. Central, noon.

Mar. 22—Fortieth annual meeting of shareholders of The Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., P. & O. Building, 11 a.m.

March 26—Sixtieth general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous

March 12—Lecture at University (Room K. main bldg.) on "A Visit to East Africa" by Prof. W. Brown, 5.30 p.m.

March 13—Distribution of prizes at St. Stephen's College, 5 p.m.

Mar. 12—Lecture on "Scientific Simplicity Exposure," at University Union, by Mr. Khoo Keng-wah, 7.30 p.m.

Deportee President?

Gen. Antonio I. Villarreal, a former Secretary of Agriculture of Mexico, who was deported because he took up arms with Gomez in 1927, and who has returned to his native country to announce his candidacy for the Presidency for the term from 1930 to 1936.

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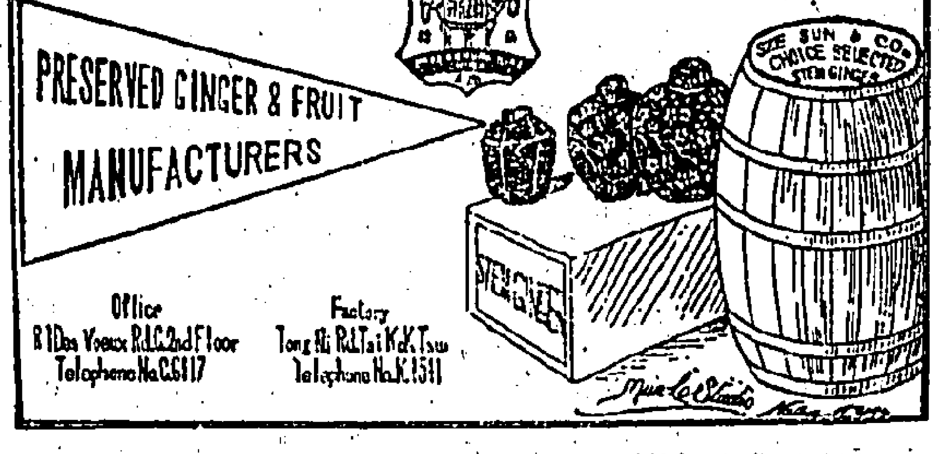

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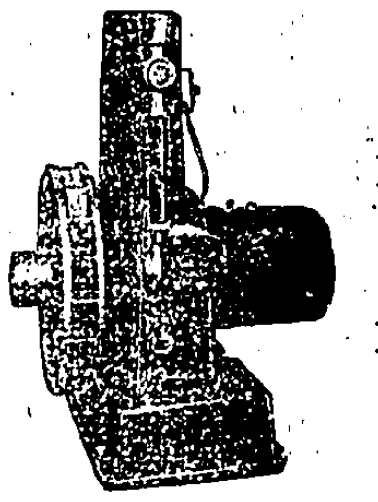

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Here feel we but the penalty
of Adam,
The season's difference. . . .

And the season's difference makes little difference to them. Watch 25,000 of these stoics frizzle in the fire of a coppery sun that flares on them hour by hour with never a merciful eclipse. Watch the multitude on the mountain pick their way among their recumbent fellows with the diffidence of a cat stepping over a puddle. Their faces show white and pink against the brazen flame that percolates the cloud curtain. Gaze on the multitude as the day wears on. Faces turn ruddy. They shine. The glitter dims in a mask of dust picked up by myriad boots. The ruddiness turns to a dull red glow and then to the vivid vermilion, the pigment of this society of fireworshippers.

But it is in that magic hour of lunch that the society becomes an awesome thing. There are few women in its ranks. It is essentially a male assemblage. To watch 15,000 men at their food is a sight that sends a shudder through the spine. To see 15,000 mouths munching sandwiches and frankfurts makes one blanch. To gaze on probably eight thousand bottles of beer all poised to mouths at the same moment, glimmering under the sun like heliographs is a picture of terror. But when this great collective munch and this huge collective gulp takes place on a convex hill, the sight to the imaginative is quite staggering.

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The clock slips round to half past one.

Ten thousa[illegible] bags and suit cases are opened with a metallic rattle like a crackle of distant musketry. A seething murmur, the murmur [illegible] light rain on an iron roof sweeps across that slope paved with the faces of the vermilion stoics. It is not rain on a roof, but the collective rustle of the paper wrappings about a host of sandwiches.

It is the great hour of the stoics. There is a tenseness about the period before lunch in a Test Match that flings a cloak of silence on the stoics on the hill. They do not want to talk of anything but the current play, and then only in bated breath. Things often happen in a heap before lunch, when the bowlers are fresh and full of zest, and the batsmen are not seeing the ball at its proper size.

Lunch hour snaps the tension. Batsmen and the hill men breathe again. The floodgates of reminiscence are opened. Minds begin to voyage back over vistas of cricket history. In no other game are fans so saturated in the deeds of former champions. At half past one the invisible speaker of this great open air cricket Parliament seems to take his chair. There are no standing orders. It is an all-in debate. Speakers, who, as G. K. Chesterton would put it, think backwards, are tolerated. Good-humoured abuse is quite in order. You may quibble and argue in circles. You may vacillate and hedge, and abandon your points. Nobody will call you to order. You may ramble at will into the dim past, back to the romantic 'nineties, the stolid eighties, or the roaring seventies. Nobody will check you.

But dare to make a slip in one numeral of a Trumper century, or a Barnes bowling average. Look those vermilion faces in the collective eye that is dead and listless, *boiled by the pitiless sun. Look* at them without a tremor. Take a hold on your nerves. Steel the mind to a blow and tell them that Trumper in 1912 made 103 instead of 118.

Gusts of excited protest sweep your hat off. These dead parboiled eyes spring to blazing and baleful life. Vermilion faces pale at such temerity. A hundred of the stoics, sitting in their bath of refined fire, will pelt you with corrections. All round you are grizzled men who were broiled by the suns of 1912 and 1903, and 1893 and many another year. They saw that century, every run of it, by gum! And what a century!

No, the first essential to be received into the order of the Vermilion Faced stoics is an accurate memory stocked chock full of cricket history. To err is fatal. Your fellow stoics at once cease to take the slightest interest in you. They turn to some other sunbaked colleague, and you are ostracised. "Where were you in ninety-nine or ninety-two?" is the question that smites the novice in the teeth from a dozen different directions.

In this blistered Parliament on the hill feeling at lunch time rises in a steady crescendo. Mouths, serried ranks of mouths, snap the end from a frankfurt, and rebut an aggressive argument with the same action. But never do the disputes lead to anything so crude as physical scrimmages. These stoics who, from their sun-swept hill, follow the fortunes of a Test Match, are rough and ready, human, patient, good-humoured, but not by any means crude. Scrimmages are not cricket, and scrimmages are not countenanced in that vast society.

You may open a debate from any cricket angle you choose, and provided your historical references are beyond reproach, you get an excellent hearing. It is a friendly, goodhearted, honest crowd up there on the hill, but like all crowds, one of mixed temperament. At lunchhour recently, for example, it was sharply divided into three distinct schools of cricket thought. There were the abject pessimists down in the blackest pit of despair about Australia's prospects. They refused to be consoled. Their minds were a wild whirl of precedents for the certain defeat of a Test team that scored only 250 runs on the first day. And they recited them dolefully, almost aggressively, as if intent on flinging a cold flood on the optimism that bubbled about them.

For in the ranks of the vermilion stoics there are those fine, hearty, optimists, whose very presence is a tonic. What matter if nine men were out for 250. There had been famous last wicket stands in Test history that have shed lustre on its pages. Cheery souls, the type that Dickens drew so faithfully, and then in that vast inclined plane of faces, in that chattering Parliament on the hill there was what might be termed a centre party holding the balance between hope and despair. Under their crimson masks of sunburn they sought to look as sage as it was possible to look with such an affliction. They wagged their tongues, and made that cryptic remark that in cricket you could never tell.

Sprinkled through this diverse society, too, were the reckless souls. They cared nothing for possibilities or probabilities, but hankered, hungered, year by year, for some batsman to hit a ball that would break the clock on the members' stand. Scores of mild-mannered men on the hill seem to harbour an insatiable hatred of that inoffensive clock. Why the clock? Why should they not desire the ball to smash a window, or knock down a unit in the forest of flagpoles, or even one of the umpires. But no! They want the clock smashed and nothing else.

The ideal dream of a Vermilion Faced Stoic would be a vision of a corpse of the man who quoted his statistics incorrectly, hanging from a gibbet in front of the riven face of that historic clock.

Gold worth £1,100,000 is being taken to New York from Southampton in the White Star liner "Majestic."

Miss Marie Tempest returned to the London stage recently in a new play, "Her Shop," at the Criterion Theatre.

Estelle Taylor.

BRIGHTER CRICKET

COULD A TIME LIMIT BE INTRODUCED?

A NEW SUGGESTION

With the cricket season fast approaching adherents of King Willow are anxiously awaiting news from headquarters about the inquiry into ways and means of depriving the batsmen of centuries and providing the bowlers with more wickets.

The suggestions made, are many and varied. Most of them, such as narrower bats, more stumps, changes of leg-before rule, etc., would revolutionise the old game. Others are of a more innocuous class, such as changes in the wickets. Still the cricket parliament at Lords refrain from action, unwilling to make experimental changes without definite grounds that they will be for the benefit of the game the world over.

Yet something will have to be done. In an article in the "Athletic News," Mr. F. S. Ashley-Cooper, cricket's leading historian, sets down figures which are indisputable in their cry for a change, and a drastic one at that. He says that in 1907 the M.C.C. considered that scoring was heavier than was desirable, and in consequence sent round a circular to county secretaries to the following effect:—

"It is undesirable in the interests of cricket, that the wickets should be prepared artificially (i.e., in any way other than by water and the roller, except when patching is necessary)."

Continuing, Mr. Ashley Cooper points out that for every wicket lost that year (1901), 27.27 runs were scored, while last year the average per wicket reached the unprecedented number of 30.05.

Runs were obtained so readily in 1928 that records galore were broken, he says. Here, for purposes of reference, are a few facts which should provide food for thought:—

Never before had the average innings been so high as 300, or as many as a quarter of a million runs been made in a season.

Over 10,000 runs were scored on seven different grounds.

200 runs or more were made for the first wicket 13 times.

No fewer than 139 men were concerned in producing the record crop of 414 individual hundreds. (Three players made 13 each, and two others 12 apiece). Twenty-two batsmen played an innings of at least 200, and altogether there were 29 such scores.

Suggested Remedy

Mr. Ashley Cooper's suggestion to remedy the alarming supremacy of bat over ball is to call a meeting of the county groundsmen to discuss the position, and also to have in attendance a recognised authority on soils as well as groundsmen of a few clubs whose wickets have not been doctored.

"Doubtless the pitches on our leading grounds could be got back pretty well to what they were about forty years ago, he argues. If it were feared that they might vary much top dressing could be prepared under proper supervision at two depots, one for the North and the other for the South, and be supplied for the grounds. Their condition of surface would then be fairly similar.

"A return to more natural wickets would have almost everything to recommend it. The only persons who might oppose the idea would be the county committees who, on account of the "gate," are anxious for matches to last well into the third day if possible.

"Under present conditions, however, play on the last day of a game often degenerates into a farce, for a side, having secured first innings' points, and believing a win outright to be out of the question, are content to play out time while many who are not even recognised change bowlers are in charge of the attack.

More Finished Matches

"With run-getting ruling lower, there would be many more finished matches, and, on the whole, the third day's play would in consequence be more attractive than it generally is. For this reason, any fears the various committees entertain might well prove to be illusory."

This suggestion might prove the required solution for county cricket, but what of other classes of cricket? Practically all clubs have followed in the footsteps of their bigger brothers and have had their wickets "doctored" and made artificially perfect. The glut of runs and unfinished games is causing concern the world over where cricket is played. Even in Singapore it is noticeable in the big matches. Then why shouldn't everybody be considered?

With all due respect to Mr. Ashley Cooper we favour the time limit to his rather selfish "natural wickets" suggestion. In almost all competitive games there is a time limit, and cricket has reached a stage when the introduction of the watch would be beneficial. It would, of course, be extra work for the umpire, but in the end it would bring the badly needed "gyp" to all our cricket matches. The introduction would need much organisation, and might, in some cases, provide hardship, but if a side knew they had only three or four, or more or less, hours to get as many runs as they could it would make the batsmen more daring, would bring more wickets, and last, but not least, would mean more finished games. Cricket would be what it was in the days of the great "W. G.," Jessop, Hayward, etc.—bright, vigorous hard hitting, daring, intrepid, and matches full of thrills and incidents would be seen. It might be worked on this plan. The average innings last season in County cricket was 300, which total could easily be obtained in four and a half to five hours. Making allowance for brighter batting, it should be laid down that each side should bat for four hours, and that allowance should be made for rain interruptions. This would give ample time to complete a game and would give three full days' play. It could be decreased for single innings games and two day matches. With this scheme there would be no necessity to alter the prevailing rules or to return to artificial wickets, but it would result in what all followers of the game want—brighter, better and more interesting cricket.—"Straits Times" (Specially Contributed.)

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E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1929.

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The following unclaimed telegrams are lying in the E. E. Telegraph Co. office, Hong Kong:—

Gould Warship, from Weybridge.
Kaede, Passenger, "Haruna Maru," care of Yusen, from Bombay.
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S. LACK,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1929.

A German silver punch bowl nearly 4ft. high and weighing over 3,000ozs., realised only £357 at Christie's.

Mr. Henry Ainley, the actor, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

Sport Columns

YACHTING

RACE FOR THE TAI YAT CUP

BOOJUM THE WINNER

The race for the Tai Yat Cup was decided by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday.

Course.—(1) Channel Rocks (P), (2) mark on line (S), (3) Cust Rock Buoy (S), (4) Kowloon Rock (S), (5) Lyemun Beacon (S), (6) mark on line (S), (6) Channel Rocks. Distance, 13.1 miles.

	TIME Finishing	Corrected
La Linda (4)	4.44.51	4.40.16
Colleen (3)	4.46.51½	4.40.05½
Rolla (7)	4.47.46	4.47.46
Daphne (9)	5.16.07	4.51.27
Ailsa (8)	5.12.29	4.47.49
Pierrette (2)	5.10.31	4.39.18
Bluenose (6)	5.15.15	4.46.13
Boojum (1)	5.07.15	4.38.13
Speedwell (5)	5.10.25	4.41.23

Consolation Cup

The Consolation Cup for I, Y, and G classes was raced over the following course:—1, Kowloon Rocks (S); 2, Channel Rocks (S); 3, Mark on line (S); 4, Cust Rock Buoy (S); 5, Channel Rocks (S); distance, 8.3 miles.

	TIME Finishing	Corrected
Why Wonder (4)	4.29.08½	4.29.08½
Zephyr (1)	4.25.09½	4.20.19½
Lola (3)	4.33.49	4.28.17
Gael (2)	4.29.06	4.23.18

YESTERDAY'S EVENT

Club Team's Victory Over Commodore's Side

Yesterday, the Commodore's v. Club competition was decided the latter winning by 58 points to 53. The races were held in two sessions, with an interchange of yachts, that in the morning commencing at 11.15, and the afternoon event at 2.35. Results:

Morning Race

Yacht	Sailed by	Place	Pts.
	Commodore's		
Y1	G. G. Wood	4	7
Y3	A. L. Shields	1	11
Y5	E. W. Carpenter	3	8
Y9	H. S. Rouse	D.N.F.	
G6	R. Sutherland	9	2
	Total		28
	Club		
Y2	E. B. Lambert	5	6
Y4	G. H. Gandy	2	9
Y6	V. Goulborn	6	5
Y8	L. F. Nicholson	7	4
G2	C. E. L. Grist	8	3
	Total		27

Afternoon Race

Yacht	Sailed by	Place	Pts.
	Commodore's		
Y2	A. L. Shields	4	7
Y4	G. G. Wood	3	8
Y6	E. W. Carpenter	8	3
Y8	R. Sutherland	9	2
G2	H. S. Rouse	6	5
			25
	Morning		28
	Total Points		53
	Club		
Y1	L. F. Nicholson	2	9
Y3	G. H. Gandy	1	11
Y5	C. E. L. Grist	5	6
Y9	V. Goulborn	7	4
G6	E. B. Lambert	10	1
			31
	Morning		27
	Total Points		58

CROSS COUNTRY

RESULT OF THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

London, Saturday.

At Beaconsfield 275 competitors, representing thirty clubs, turned out in the national cross country championship over ten miles.

The results were as under:

1. E. Harper, Hallamshire Harriers, 56 mins. 20 4/5 secs.
2. T. Kay, Tipton Harriers, 56 mins. 45 secs.
3. Lance Sergt. W. Cotterell, Army, 56 mins. 54 secs.

The team placings were:

1. Birchfield, 91 1/2 pts.
2. Surrey Athletic Club, 184 pts.
3. Hallamshire, 214 pts.—Reuter.

CRICKET

VOLUNTEERS BEAT COMBINED LEAGUE TEAM

YESTERDAY'S MATCH

The Volunteers defeated the Combined League team on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground yesterday by 81 runs. Scores:

Volunteers	
A. W. Hayward, b Kelly	36
O. Moor, b Brace	6
E. C. Fincher, c Hamson, b Baker	0
F. I. Zimmern, c Brace, b Weir	51
H. Owen Hughes, l.b.w., Weir	9
E. J. R Mitchell, c Abelson, b Anderson	13
W. Hunt, c Hamson, b Brace	6
J. L. Bonnar, c & b Anderson	0
G. E. R. Divett, c Lim, b Baker	10
A. Reid, not out	14
C. D. Wales, c Baker, b Weir	0
Extras	25
Total	170

Combined League	
Lieut. Abelson, c Owen Hughes, b Bonnar	28
W. Brace, b Wales	1
D. J. N. Anderson, c Wales, b Bonnar	30
Mid. Parkhurst, b Wales	0
Capt. Weir, c and b Wales	0
K. H. Batger, b Wales	2
J. R. Hinton, b Bonnar	5
H. P. Lim, st Zimmern, b Wales	11
Com. Baker, c Hunt, b Bonnar	0
A.B. Hamson, c Hayward, b Wales	8
D. R. Kelly, not out	1
Extras	3
Total	89

U.S. SAILORS

FOOTBALL & BASEBALL GAMES HERE

A friendly football game was played at Caroline Hill yesterday between a team chosen from local Chinese and the U.S.S. "Pittsburg." The match was attended by a large crowd, who were rewarded with a fine exhibition.

The Chinese were early attacking, but Fung missed from close range. The same player later opened the score for the locals. Suen also scored for the Chinese, and Fung added another point.

On resuming, the locals again got moving, and Fung beat Nordley with a fast cross shot. Before the final whistle, Suen had added two goals, the final score being, Chinese 6, "Pittsburg" 0.

Baseball

In a fast game at Caroline Hill, before a huge crowd yesterday, a team chosen from the American Asiatic Fleet defeated a combined team of Honolulu and Hong Kong Chinese by three runs to one.

The game was one of the best seen in Hong Kong.

The Americans were blanked out in the first innings, but managed to notch two points in the second, and a homer by Watson in the sixth put them further ahead. They were, however, blanked out in the other innings.

The Chinese were blanked out in every innings except the sixth, when Ho Man crossed the plate, Yau Chung bringing him home with a real first-timer.

Score by innings:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Americans	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

RUGBY FOOTBALL

IRELAND AND WALES DRAW AT BELFAST

Belfast, Saturday.

At Belfast, in glorious weather, before 25,000 spectators, Ireland and Wales drew in the international Rugby football match at five points all.

The Irishmen were better in the opening play, but then Wales pressed and Roberts almost scored. Ireland was awarded a free kick, and Stephenson narrowly missed getting a goal.

The Irishmen were very dashing and kept play confined to the Welsh twenty-five. Their effort were finally rewarded. From a scrum five yards out, Davy scored a try and Browne converted. The game continued to be splendidly contested until half-time, when Ireland led by five points to nil.

The Welshmen mostly held the upper hand after the interval. Morley attempted to drop a goal for Wales, and was only inches wide. The Irish backs at last got going, but Stephenson, when tackled, passed forward. After the second half had been in progress twenty minutes, Williams scored a try for Wales near the posts, and Parker converted, making the scores level.

Subsequent exchanges were most exciting. Both ends were visited in turn. Ivor Jones, the Welsh forward, was very prominent and only brilliant tackling prevented him scoring. Both sets of forwards played up finely, but Wales were getting possession from the scrums more frequently. Just before the finish, Powell, the Welsh half-back, failed by inches to drop a goal.

The end came without further scoring. Result:

Ireland (one goal) 5 points.
Wales (one goal) 5 points.

County Championship

At Twickenham, in brilliant weather before 4,000 spectators, the final of the Rugby county championship was played between Middlesex and Lancashire. The result was a draw of eight points each.—Reuter.

Sharkey Outpoints Christner

... Christner, the big tyre and rubber man of Akron, couldn't solve Jack Sharkey's defence and the latter was accorded verdict at the end of ten rounds in Madison Square Garden. The above action photo shows Sharkey ((left), just after he had staggered Christner th a right to the jaw.

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T.T. on London	1/11 ¾
T.T. on Shanghai	78⅛
Banks	
H.K. Bank	$1300 n
H.K. London Reg.	£139 x d. n
Chartered Bank	£21¾ b
Mercantile A. & B.	£34 n
Mercantile C.	£15¼ n
P. & O. Bank	£9¼ n
Bank of East Asia	$90½ n
Insurances	
Canton Insurance	$695 b
Union Insurance	$388 s
North China Insurance	T160 b
Yangtze Insurance	M$60 n
China Underwriters	$2.20 b 2.40 s
China Fire Insurance	$290 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	$790 n
Shipping	
Douglases	$36½ n
H.K. Steamboats	$27½ s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	$1.90 b 2.10 s [2 sa
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$52½ n
Indo-Chinas (Def.)	$92 n
Shell Transports	93/9 n
Shell Transports (new)	—
Union Water-boats	$22½ n
Mining	
Banquets	$2.70 b
Kailan Mining Ad.	70/– n
Langkats (comb.)	T14 b
Langkats (singles)	T7½ n
Shanghai Explorations	T3 s
Shanghai Loans	T4½ n
Raubs	$7.10 b
Tronoh Mines	17/6 n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. & K. Wharves	$126½ n
H.K. & W. Docks	$40½ n
China Providents	$4.85 s
Hongkews	T168½ n
New Engineerings	T5¼ n
Shanghai Docks	T112 n
Cotton Mills	
Ewo Cottons	T13.35 b
Oriental Cottons	T2 n
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T70 n
Shanghai Cottons (new)	T35 n
Lands, Hotels & Buildings	
H.K. & S. Hotels	$9.10 b
H.K. Lands	$63½ b
Shanghai Lands	T169 b
Humphreys' Estates	$14¼ b
H.K. Realties	$8.60 n
H K. Territorials	—
Prince's Buildings	—
Public Utilities	
H.K. Tramways	$19¼ s
Peak Trams (old)	$13 s
Peak Trams (new)	$6.30 n
Star Ferries	$68¼ n
China Lights (comb.)	—
China Lights (old)	$12¾ b
China Lights (new)	—
China Lights 1928 issue	—
H.K. E'trics (old)	$55¾ b 56 sa
H.K. E'trics (new)	$54½ b
Macao Electrics	$26¾ n
H.K. Telephone	$7¼ n
China Buses	T11¾ n
Singapore Tractions	11/6 n
Singapore Pref.	17/6 b 18/3 s
Sandakan Lts.	$5 n
Industrials	
China Sugars	$1¼ n
Malabon Sugars	$30 b
Canton Ices	$2½ s
Cements (comb.)	$9.10 b
Cements (old)	$7.80 n
Cements (new)	$1.30 n
H.K. Ropes (old)	$7½ b
H.K. Ropes (new)	—
United Asbestos	$5 n
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farms	$20½ s
Watsons	$14 b
Der A. Wings	80 cts. b
Lane, Crawfords	$2½ n
Mackintoshs	$20 n
Sinceres	$10¼ b
Wm. Powells	$3.65 n
Miscellaneous	
H.K. Amusements	$26 s
Hong Kong Constructions	$1¼ s
B. Ind. G.$ Bonds	66½% n
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On Singapore—	
On demand	85¼
On Manila—	
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On Shanghai—	
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Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
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LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris	124.22½
New York	4.85 1/16
Brussels	34.94½
Geneva	25.22
Amsterdam	12.11¼
Milan	92.69½
Berlin	20.44½
Stockholm	18.16
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.52
Prague	163¾
Helsingfors	192¾
Madrid	32.97½
Lisbon	108¼
Athens	375
Bucharest	817½
Rio	5⅞
Buenos Aires	47 5/16
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Shanghai	2/6 ½
Hong Kong	1/11 ¾
Yokohama	1/10 1/32
Silver Spot	26
Silver Forward	25 5/16

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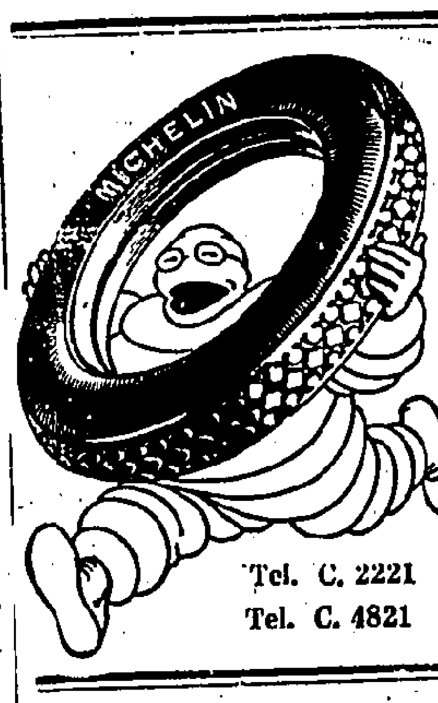

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LABOUR MINISTERS

SENT TO GENEVA FOR FIRST TIME

London, Saturday.

The Minister of Labour, Sir A. Steel-Maitland, has left for Geneva to attend a meeting of the governing body of the International Labour Organisation.

The meeting is important because it is the first time in its history that Ministers of Labour represent their Governments.

The chief question for discussion is the Washington Hours Convention which Great Britain proposes should be revised.—Reuter.

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For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

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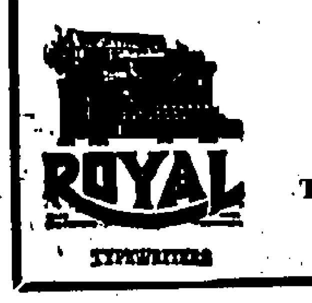

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RACING EXTREMES

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FIRST EXTRA MEETING

Extremes were the order of the day when the Hong Kong Jockey Club held their first extra meeting of the season at Happy Valley on Saturday, exactly a week after the annual carnival week.

Form was reversed with a vengeance in four out of nine events and, consequently, dividends were high. On the other hand, three winners were odds-on and the other two ponies to catch the judge's eye were also favourites, but they "paid" more than evens on the tote.

To the "Eve" stable went the major honours with two firsts, a second, and a third. Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E. (who won the 1929 Derby and took second in the Champions) claimed two firsts and a third.

Mr. T. L. Wong maintained the prestige of local jockeys against the Shanghai cracks who have stayed behind. He was first thrice. Next best was Mr. J. Pote-Hunt, who won the opening race and the last event on the card.

Four Big Dividend

Mr. Pote-Hunt rode Boxing Eve in the first race and beat the record for six furlongs. This pony, carrying less than weight for inches, also beat the record for a mile and 165 yards on the second day of the annual meeting, but the performance is only set down as "unofficial." Boxing Eve last year, however, put up a local record for seven furlongs and, accordingly, has two records to his name in the book. No other pony has two against his name now, but Triumphant Dahlia had three until quite recently.

Other features of Saturday's sport were the first dead heat of the year (which was for second place) and a pony, Bowden, showing an inclination to buck, unseating Mr. C. E. Backhouse at the start of a race.

Keen Finishes

The course was nice and hard with times, necessarily, on the fast side. Even the poorer classes did remarkably well, and subscription griffins—were—"clocked"—to—their credit.

Fields were big and the finishes keen. There was a fair attendance and both the pari-mutuel and cash sweeps received strong support. The starting was meritorious and the programme was carried through with despatch.

The Band of the 1st Battalion the Somerset Light Infantry rendered "snappy" selections during the afternoon to the enjoyment of the crowd.

The cash sweeps of the day resulted:—

Race 1.

No. 140	$1,114.40
„ 236	318.40
„ 378	159.20

Unplaced runners ($50 each), tickets Nos.:—60, 210, 219, 341.

Race 2.

No. 296	$1,414.00
„ 294	404.00
„ 311	202.00

Unplaced runners ($50.00 each), tickets Nos.: 278, 488, 607, 120, 31, 179, 613, 266, 225, 436, 336, 574.

Race 3.

No. 116	$1,814.40
„ 723	518.40
„ 697	259.20

Unplaced runners ($50.00 each), tickets Nos.: 609, 674, 703, 523, 162, 710, 309, 542, 184, 350, 161, 89, 228, 666.

Race 4.

No. 658	$4,088.00
„ 739	1,168.00
„ 476	584.00

Unplaced runners ($100.00 each), tickets Nos.: 259, 235.

Race 5.

No. 871	$2,310.00
„ 568	660.00
„ 80	330.00

Unplaced runners ($50.00 each), tickets Nos.: 514, 745, 144, 882, 38, 527, 933, 797, 935, 872,

Race 6.

No. 399	$2,492.00
2nd „ 869	534.00
„ „ 548	534.00

Unplaced runners ($50.00 each), tickets Nos.: 12, 482.

Race 7.

No. 779	$2,389.80
„ 549	682.80
„ 587	341.40

Unplaced runners ($50.00 each), tickets Nos.: 529, 287, 198.

Race 8.

No. 336	$2,255.40
„ 40	644.40
„ 298	322.20

Unplaced runners ($50.00 each), tickets Nos.: 552, 291, 288, 742, 400, 661, 650, 429, 572.

Race 9.

No. 665	$2,431.80
„ 478	694.80
„ 608	347.40

Unplaced runners ($50.00 each), tickets Nos.: 249, 116, 352, 667, 149.

1.—Happy Valley Handicap: "A" Class: Six Furlongs.—For China ponies. Entrance fee $5. 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize: $150. 3rd Prize: $100.

Eve's Boxing Eve 158 lbs. .... (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 1
L. Dunbar's Bakers Bay 158 lbs. (Mr. A. F. Clark) 2
Hau Un's Monterey Bay 151 lbs. (Mr. da Roza) 3
Ho Kom-tong's City Hall 148 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 4
Yam Man's Blue Danube 141 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0
K. H. Kay's Tarmacadam 150 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0
Chan, M. & A. E. M. Rafeek's Triumphant Stag 156 lbs. ... (Mr. Harriman) 0

Time: 1 min. 28 secs.
4 lengths, 3 lengths.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner $6.20; places, 1st $5.60; 2nd $8.90; 3rd $9.90.

	Winner.	Places.
Boxing Eve	697	582
Blue Danube	99	81
Tarmacadam	53	121
Bakers Bay	41	101
City Hall	32	122
Monterey Bay ...	23	80
Triumphant Stag .	18	77

An odds on favourite, Boxing Eve won in record time of:—

	min.	secs.
1st quarter	0	28
2nd quarter	0	58
3rd quarter	1	28

In other words, the first two furlongs were covered in 28 seconds and the remaining quarters in 30 seconds each, just beating the record of 1 min. 28.1/5 secs. put up by Glorious Dahlia in the Maiden Stakes in 1926 (after which that pony won the Derby for Sir Paul Chater, was sold to Shanghai subsequent to Sir Paul's death, was purchased by Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., and ran a good fourth in this race which saw the record annexed by Boxing Eve).

Tarmacadam had the best of the start but Boxing Eve was in his stride first and, after a few lengths, led all the way back, hard ridden and driven up because of a challenge by Bakers Bay (who finished second), on the latter sweeping up at the village.

Monterey Bay, City Hall and Tarmacadam had a close set to which decided third place in favour of the first named with the other two close up. Triumphant Stag and Blue Danube disappointed, Blue Danube being a moderate outsider in the betting.

2.—February Stakes: Five Furlongs.—For China ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season, non-winners, whether starters or not. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey Allowance. Entrance Fee $5. 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize: $150. 3rd Prize: $100.

Mrs. K. E. Beith's Cream Crackers 152 lbs. .... (Mr. Heard) 1
Hynes & Mackie's Papaya 152 lbs. ...... (Mr. A. F. Clark) 2
Lau & Lee's Duke of Normandy II. 158 lbs. ..... (Mr. Wong) 3
Gubbays' Sunshine 152 lbs. ... (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 4
Mrs. Dyer's Aberdeen 153 lbs. (Mr. Cave) 0
Mrs. Pearce's Anabasis 155 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0
Mancunian's Bowden 155 lbs. . (Mr. Backhouse) 0
Hee Cheong's Bronze Idol 156 lbs. ....(Mr. Charles) 0
R. M. Austin's False Alarm 150 lbs. .... (Mr. Gordon) 0
N. Hashim's Green Jade 158 lbs. (Mr. Shillington) 0
Mogcar's Inca 152 lbs. .... (Mr. Harriman) 0
Ho Sai-man's Pink Pearl 150 lbs. .... (Mr. Ho Sai-man) 0
Chau & Chan's Silver Stag 152 lbs. .... (Mr. Soares) 0
E. L. Sim's The Jungle Book 152 lbs. ....(Mr. da Roza) 0
Mac's Zephyr 150 lbs. .... (Mr. Morgan) 0

Time: 1 min. 16.4/5 secs.
2 lengths, 2½ lengths.
Pari-mutuel; — Winner $8.20; places, 1st $6.10; 2nd $15.70; 3rd $9.90.

	Winner	Places
Cream Cracker	608	998
Sunshine	216	409
Duke of Normandy II.	85	230
Bronze Idol	52	111
Anabasis	36	106
Zephyr	25	56
Papaya	22	107
Inca	20	56
The Jungle Book ..	13	37
Aberdeen	18	59
False Alarm	7	18
Bowden	7	12
Silver Stag	6	22
Pink Pearl	5	20
Green Jade	5	8

Although the field numbered fifteen Cream Cracker, the favourite, paid much below evens and punters have to thank Mr. Heard for getting that much.

Having drawn the rails, Mr. Heard proceeded to demonstrate that experience and skill counts a great deal by being in front at every false start and also in the genuine one. He led all the way back.

The Jungle Book was with the van and ran alongside Cream Cracker for four furlongs to be "lost" in the final run in.

Sunshine was prominently placed and had no excuse for losing. He did badly when turning the bend.

Papaya looked like threatening the favourite with two furlongs to go but failed to do the trick.

Duke of Normandy II came out of the ruck at the distance post, was through at the mile post and improved no more, being a fair third behind Papaya.

Bowden threw Mr. C. E. Backhouse at the start (without serious effect) and finished by himself far behind Pink Pearl—an inglorious last.

3.—Happy Valley Handicap: "B" Class: Six Furlongs.—For China ponies. Entrance Fee $5. 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize: $150. 3rd Prize: $100.

Wong Ping-shun's Thunderbolt 153 lbs. .... (Mr. Harriman) 1
John Peel's Noukhail 151 lbs. .. (Mr. Heard) 2
Cheng & Ng's Glory 152 lbs. ... (Mr. Proulx) 3
Yam Man's Fifty-Fifty 160 lbs. (Mr. da Roza) 4
Ulster's Ace of Spades 155 lbs. .. (Mr. Shillington) 0
Hau Un's Desert Storm 160 lbs. (Mr. Lee) 0
C. M. Leitao's Desert Wind 160 lbs. .... (Mr. Soares) 0
Lau & Lee's Duke of Nieblung 149 lbs. .... (Mr. Reidy) 0
Chan & Refeek's Fanling Stag 153 lbs. .... (Mr. McCartney) 0
Fiddes's Gold Medal 158 lbs. .. (Mr. Newbiggin) 0
Ho Kom-tong's Kom Tong Hall 145 lbs. .. (Mr. Ho Sai-man) 0
Mrs. Charles's May 149 lbs. ... (Mr. Backhouse) 0
N. Hashim's Sunning 158 lbs. .. (Mr. Charles) 0
Ip Kui-ying's Sutherland 145 lbs. (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) 0
E. L. Hosie's The Haugh 142 lbs. (Mr. Botelho) 0
W. E. L. Shenton's The Ptarmigan 146 lbs. .... (Mr. A. F. Clark) 0
W. K. Lo's White Mist 151 lbs. (Mr. Loo) 0

Time: 1 min. 33.1/5 secs.
1 length, 1½ lengths.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner $49.00; places, 1st $12.20; 2nd $3.00; 3rd $16.60.

	Winner	Places
Fifty Fifty	290	481
Noukhail	262	630
Sunning	148	234
Thunderbolt	95	218
Glory	88	137
The Ptarmigan	52	187
Duke of Nieblung ..	31	65
Ace of Spades	25	55
Gold Medal	10	21
Fanling Stag	8	38
May	8	16
Kom Tong Hall	6	7
Desert Wind	5	26
Desert Storm	4	4
The Haugh	2	10
Sutherland	1	8
White Mist	1	7

A few stragglers marred a good start with a field of seventeen that included a number of subscription griffins.

Glory was one of those in the running early and this pony stayed on to beat Fifty-Fifty (joint favourite) by a neck for third place.

Sunning, carrying a good deal of money, was in the thick of the fight in the van but receded rapidly and finished at the head of the ruck.

The Haugh cracked the pace for half a mile and then went wide—and out—to give the lead on the rails to Noukhail when entering the straight. Mr. Heard had steered Noukhail (the other joint favourite) through going up the incline and was second at the village.

The Ptarmigan and Thunderbolt were gaining in the middle of the straight at the distance post. Thunderbolt was shut in for a while but Mr. Harriman took his mount up nicely and flashed past Noukhail after the mile post to win comfortably and cause a fat dividend. Noukhail retained second place.

Desert Wind was also prominent for the first four furlongs but finished in company with Sunning.

4.—First Extra Meeting Stakes: One Mile.—For all China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of a race this year value $750 or over, 5 lb. penalty. Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season allowed 5 lb. Jockey allowance. Entrance Fee $5. 1st Prize: $750. 2nd Prize: $300. 3rd Prize: $150.

Ho Kom-tong's Majestic Hall 160 lbs. .... (Mr. Wong) 1
Fay & Seth's Christmas Chimes 163 lbs. .... (Mr. Heard) 2
Eve's Misty Eve 158 lbs. ...... (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 3
L. Dunbar's Coos Bay 163 lbs. .. (Mr. da Roza) 4
Hinson & Wong's Chesapeake Bay 158 lbs. ... (Mr. Proulx) 0

Time: 2 mins. 03.2/5 secs.
3 lengths, 2½ lengths
Pari-mutuel: — Winner $54.60; places, 1st $13.00; 2nd $6.60.

	Winner	Places
Christmas Chimes .	777	869
Chesapeake Bay ..	261	259
Misty Eve	251	271
Coos Bay	214	224
Majestic Hall	185	179

Mr. T. L. Wong rode a magnificent race on Majestic Hall to return odds of 10 to 1. The winner carried the least money of the field of five.

Chesapeake Bay drew the rails and fought for the lead with Christmas Chimes (favourite at about evens) and Coos Bay, followed by Majestic Hall. Misty Eve had got off badly and was in the rear.

Chesapeake Bay obtained the lead but Coos Bay gave chase with Christmas Chimes lying handy. Misty Eve had passed Majestic Hall at the six furlongs post.

After three furlongs (i.e., at the foot of the incline) Chesapeake Bay ran wide and faded out as he did in the Champions of 1928. Coos Bay led on but Misty Eve soon joined issue and Christmas Chimes was closing on the leaders.

Christmas Chimes and Misty Eve came into the straight together. Coos Bay was out and Chesapeake Bay was ploughing a lone furrow on the far outside. Majestic Hall, however, came through grandly and was battling at the two miles post. Honours were decided at the distance post with Majestic Hall leading by a length—and then winning to the end. Christmas Chimes had little difficulty in disposing of Misty Eve and Coos Bay was a poor fourth.

5.—Happy Valley Handicap: "C" Class: Six Furlongs.—For China ponies. Entrance Fee $5. 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize: $150. 3rd Prize: $100.

S. To Wong's Dark Eyes 152 lbs. (Mr. da Roza) 1
Dyer & Beith's Tangle 160 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 2
Topside's Mountain Air 155 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 3
Mancunian's Alderley 145 lbs. .. (Mr. Backhouse) 4
Mrs. Austin's Armony 150 lbs. (Mr. Gordon) 0
F. W. Dee's Buff Jacket 145 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0
Eve's Eclipse Eve 158 lbs. .... (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 0
Mrs. Hashim's Fat Choy 155 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 0
Splits' Half Pint 152 lbs. .... (Mr. Wong) 0
Dynasty's King's Parade 156 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0
F. Pierce-Grove's Ole Man River 143 lbs. .... (Mr. Morgan) 0

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Hynes & Mackie's Pumpkin 155 lbs. ...... (Mr. A. F. Clark) 0
F. Pierce-Grove's Siang River 167 lbs. ...... (Mr. Harper) 0

Time: 1 min. 34.2/5 secs.
½ length, 2½ lengths.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner $68.30; places, 1st $25.80; 2nd $8.70; 3rd $16.60.

	Winner	Places
Tangle	394	557
Pumpkin	332	651
Eclipse Eve	120	296
King's Parade	103	149
Half Pint	96	217
Mountain Air	93	179
Dark Eyes	86	100
Alderley	20	34
Ole Man River ...	20	31
Siang River	17	31
Fat Choy	10	32
Buff Jacket	8	17
Armony	7	26

This was another very interesting race with an even start; one joint favourite (Tangle) being, literally, pipped at the post, and the other finishing nowhere.

Both favourites, Tangle and Pumpkin, together with Dark Eyes, made the running between them. Tangle had the rail berth into the straight and Dark Eyes level with him. Pumpkin had lost ground.

Up the whole length of the straight Tangle and Dark Eyes ran neck and neck. Tangle failed to concede 8 lbs. in spite of Mr. Heard and Mr. G. U. da Roza rode with rare judgment to get in front a few lengths from the judge's box and win by ½ length.

Mr. Harriman, on Mountain Air, made one of his characteristic late bursts but his pony was only class enough to give him third. Alderley surprised by being fourth. Next, in order, were Eclipse Eve, Half Pint and Pumpkin.

Dark Eyes was the third consecutive outsider to be successful.

6.—Aberdeen Plate: One Mile.—For China ponies, Griffins of this Season, non-winners, whether starters or not. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockey Allowance. Entrance Fee $5. 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize: $150. 3rd Prize: $100.

Ho Kom-tong's Imperial Hall 158 lbs. .... (Mr. Wong) 1
W. T. Stanton's Buster 158 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2*
L. Dunbar's Frenchman's Bay 158 lbs. .... (Mr. da Roza) 2*
Lau & Lee's Duke of Melrose 158 lbs. .... (Mr. Heard) 0
Ulster's Erin's Isle 158 lbs. ... (Mr. Charles) 0

Time: 2 mins. 08.2/5 secs.
1½ lengths, * dead heat.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner $10.40; places, 1st $5.60; 2nd $5.30 (Frenchman's Bay)*, 2nd $7.30 (Buster)*.

	Winner	Places
Imperial Hall	662	689
Frenchman's Bay .	487	652
Duke of Melrose ..	208	303
Buster	126	100
Erin's Isle	60	67

A slow beginning enabled Imperial Hall to catch the judge's eye and restore the balance of winners to the favourites.

Frenchman's Bay was nearly as well backed but only managed to share a dead-heat second place with Buster.

Here was another desperate set-to up the straight. Frenchman's Bay (on the rails) and Erin's Isle led together round the last bend. Duke of Melrose had come up on the outside and ran in a straight line. Imperial Hall, who had been held last, had swept past Buster but, to the consternation of punters, was shut in by the line of three leading ponies.

On the heels of the vanguard Imperial Hall ran from the two miles post to the distance post. With one stroke of the whip Imperial Hall had burst through between Erin's Isle and Duke of Melrose. Imperial Hall then crossed to the rails and won—but all out. Erin's Isle fell back and so did Duke of Melrose but never far behind.

With a splendid last rush for 100 yards, Mr. Reidy rode Buster with his hands and all but beat the heavily backed Frenchman's Bay. This was the first dead-heat decision of the year.

7.—Stanley Stakes: One Mile.—For China ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race 5 lb. extra, of two races 7 lb. extra, of three or more races 10 lb. extra. Jockey Allowance. Entrance Fee $5. 1st Prize: $400. 2nd Prize: $150. 3rd Prize: $100.

W. E. L. Shenton's The Pheasant 159 lbs. ... (Mr. A. F. Clark) 1
M. M. Watson's Monk 157 lbs. .. (Mr. Reidy) 2
Dyer & Beith's Loch Etive 152 lbs. .... (Mr. Heard) 3
Eve's Birthday Eve 155 lbs. ... (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 4
Mancunian's Bowden 155 lbs. ... (Mr. Backhouse) 0
Chan, M. & A. E. M. Rafeek's Flying Stag 160 lbs. .... (Mr. Harriman) 0

Time: 2 mins. 10 secs.
2 lengths, 4 lengths.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner $8.40; places, 1st $5.20; 2nd $5.40; 3rd $5.60.

	Winner	Places
The Pheasant	984	1,003
Monk	355	484
Loch Etive	311	341
Birthday Eve	101	125
Flying Stag	79	181
Bowden	15	37

Once again the field was content to start without going all out, but the finish was exceedingly good and, for the class, the time was also good.

As in the previous race the favourite won and the next best backed was second.

All six were close together at the critical moment after positions had been changed several times.

The Pheasant beat everything for the last quarter and won convincingly. Monk was by no means disgraced. Loch Etive narrowly staved off Birthday Eve and dividends were, accordingly, small.

Birthday Eve and Bowden just missed another conviction for being incorrigibles and thereby suffered at the start. They were both, curiously, in the van half way round and were both losing ground at the last quarter mile post. Birthday Eve came on again at the end.

The proportion of winning favourites to outsiders had been pulled back to four to three.

8.—Wanchai Handicap: "B" Class: One and a Quarter Miles.—For China ponies. Entrance Fee $5. 1st Prize: $450. 2nd Prize: $200. 3rd Prize: $100.

Liang & Lo's O-Moon 158 lbs. .. (Mr. Wong) 1
Wayfoong's The Jamaica 155 lbs. (Mr. A. F. Clark) 2
Dynasty's King's Falloch 152 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 3
Tester & Abraham's The Ape 143 lbs. .... (Mr. Harriman) 4
Stanton & Reidy's Blue World 161 lbs. ...... (Mr. Reidy) 0
R. M. Austin's Brigade Call 158 lbs. .... (Mr. Gordon) 0
Roda's Bright Prospect 150 lbs. (Mr. da Roza) 0
Cheng & Ng's Doubtful 155 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 0
Mogcar's Inca 144 lbs. (Mr. Backhouse) 0
C. M. Leitao's Monument 150 lbs. (Mr. Soares) 0
S. To Wong's Ullswater 140 lbs. (Dr. S. To Wong) 0
S. W. Cheng's Wuchang 152 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0

Time: 2 mins. [illegible] secs.
1 length, 4 lengths.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner $40.80; places, 1st $10.40; 2nd $8.10; 3rd $7.50.

	Winner	Places
Blue World	455	336
The Ape	378	508
King's Falloch	369	558
The Jamaica	209	454
O-Moon	194	264
Doubtful	63	84
Bright Prospect ...	41	49
Brigade Call	18	41
Wuchang	13	24
Ullswater	9	30
Monument	8	12
Inca	4	13

Mr. Wong stole a march on the other eleven runners and rewarded his rather meagre (in this event) following with nice odds. King's Falloch (third). The Ape (fourth) and Blue World (fifth) carried most of the money fairly evenly between them. Next in demand came The Jamaica on which Mr. A. F. Clark preferred to follow the leaders until a mile had been covered. O-Moon was too far ahead to be caught. The Jamaica set out in hot pursuit and had the satisfaction of seeing O-Moon needing to pull out everything to win by a head.

O-Moon led from start to finish, two fast quarters at the beginning "killing" much of the opposition.

Wuchang, The Ape, King's Falloch and Blue World were at the head of the bunch. After passing the Rock the field was strung out over a long distance, with The Ape nearest (but many lengths behind) the winner. Next came King's Falloch and The Jamaica. The Jamaica showed the best finish of the others. King's Falloch ran on into third place and The Ape was fourth; these two ponies having paid the penalty for trying to gain rather early on O-Moon. Blue World was fifth, with Bright Prospect in close company and Brigade Call was next—far away.

9.—Wanchai Handicap "A" Class: One and a Quarter Miles.—For China Ponies. Entrance Fee $5. 1st Prize: $450. 2nd Prize: $200. 3rd Prize: $100.

Eve's Grand Tattoo Eve 155 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 1
Eve's New Year's Eve 156 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2
Ho Kom-tong's Town Hall 153 lbs. .... (Mr. Wong) 3
Hynes & Mackie's Pickle 147 lbs. (Mr. A. F. Clark) 4
L. Dunbar's Delaware Bay 147 lbs. .... (Mr. Harriman) 0
Yam Man's One-Third 148 lbs. (Mr. Loo) 0
Ho Kom-tong's Rose Hall 152 lbs. ...... (Mr. Ho Sai-man) 0
Dynasty's Young Pretender 153 lbs. .... (Mr. Heard) 0

Time: 2 mins. 38.3/5 secs.
A head, 1½ lengths.
Pari-mutuel: — Winner $13.50; places, 1st $7.00; 2nd $7.60; 3rd $8.20.

	Winner	Places
Grand Tattoo Eve .	671	557
New Year's Eve ..	454	439
Young Pretender ..	330	459
Town Hall	264	348
Pickle	201	352
Delaware Bay	49	45
Rose Hall	33	33
One Third	21	25

Any one of six ponies might have won when there only remained two furlongs to go.

New Year's Eve had the rails and was prominent all the way up until another pony in the same stable, Grand Tattoo Eve, profiting by a place made by Young Pretender (another potential challenger at the top of the straight), came sweeping up on the outside to make a first and second for the Sassoon colours.

Town Hall showed out in a belated effort between the two Eves but was beaten for pace in a gruelling finish. New Year's Eve went down on merits to the winner.

The Eve's were first and second favourite—in the order in which they finished.

Pickle was always with the vanguard but failed to come through when put under pressure and finished fourth.

One-Third made the pace—in a slow race—for about a mile and still showed fight when less than two furlongs to run.

Delaware Bay was out of the picture and Rose Hall a bad last.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

RETURFING A GREEN

The following report and balance sheet for the year ended December 31, 1928, is to be submitted at the annual general meeting on Friday, March 22, at 5.45 p.m.:—

The working account for the year shows a loss of $287.26, against a profit in the preceding year of $1,455.92. This loss can be directly traced to a few main causes. Owing to the closing of the greens in the Spring, less refreshment was purchased which has had the effect of reducing the bar profits. This item alone accounts for about 50 per cent. of the difference in the results of the past two years. Another outstanding cause has been the cost of returfing the far green and laying out a new tennis court. This accounts for an increase in the Repairs and Renewals Account of $589. The remainder of the difference is spread over various items, aand is largely due to increased overhead charges.

Membership

Forty-four new members joined during the year and our membership is now as follows:—Six life; 155 ordinary; 70 seagoing, and four honorary, a total of 235 members.

Club House and Grounds

During the year the bowling green next the tennis court was practically relaid and the Committee had to close the near green for a period in order to give it a much-needed rest prior to the opening of the bowls season. The Committee regret that during that period temporary use had to be made of the upper tennis court for lawn bowls. Towards the end of the year the work of relaying the near bowling green was commenced. Your Committee trust that members playing on these new greens next season will exercise every reasonable care. Throughout the year under review the Club house has been maintained in first class condition, only a few additions and alterations being found necessary.

Bowls

As in former years there were numerous entries for the Club competitions and the games were keenly contested.

Two teams played in the Lawn Bowls League, the record of the 1st team being five wins, seven losses, shots 644, against 718, and finished sixth place. The record of the 2nd team was seven wins, eight losses and one tie, shots for 1,000, against 906, and finished fifth place. It is to be hoped with the increased practice of our younger members that during the coming season both teams will secure better positions in the League tables.

Tennis

The Committee record with pleasure the increased interest taken in tennis and note the keenness shown in the six competitions held during the year.

The additional court mentioned in last year's report was put into use during the year and has greatly aided in relieving congestion.

Obituary

Your General Committee regret to record the deaths of the following members during the year:—Messrs. J. W. Faulkener, T. H. Gosden and J. W. Matthews (ordinary), D. G. Jones (seagoing), W. G. Gerrard (Hon.)

Prizes

The thanks of the Club are due to donors of the numerous handsome trophies for the various competitions, also to those members who contributed to the prize fund.

The salary of the clerk of Lewisham, S.E., Council (Mr. J. W. Shuter) has been increased from about £1,320 to £1,500 a year.

Honorary Surgeon: Dr. J. C. Macgown.

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By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. C. H. Little, D.S.O., the Band of the 1st Battalion The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's) played the following programme:—

1.—March, The Little Bugler ... Duthoit
2.—Fantasia, This Year of Grace .... Noel Coward
3.—Selection, Blue Eyes ... Jerome Kern
4.—Excerpts from—The Song of the Sea ... Ed. Kunnuecke
5.—Two African Dances ... Montague Ring
6.—Fantasia, Funny Face ... Gershwin
7.—Waltz, Ammorretten Tanze ... Gung'l
8.—Selection, Virginia ... Jack Waller
9.—Song, Come to my Garden of Roses ..... Haydn Wood
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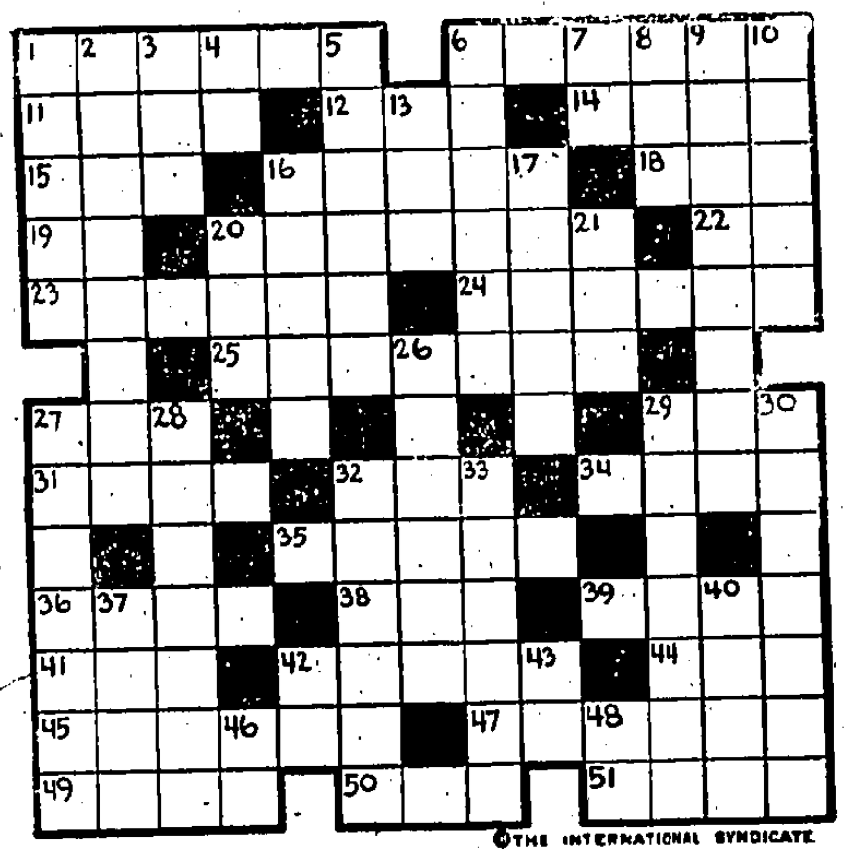
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL
1–Pledged
6–A kind of bed
11–Once more
12–A lamprey
14–Greasy
15–An American Indian
16–Small valleys
18–By means of
19–Prefix. Apart
20–Bison
22–A river of Italy
23–A valuable fur
24–Deep places
25–A river in Pennsylvania and New York
27–In no manner
29–Conjunction
31–A metal
32–To leap about
34–Contralto
35–Girl's name
36–Excellent

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
38–Character in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
39–Metrical composition
41–The beard of wheat
42–A Greek letter
44–Girl's name
45–A part of the eye
47–An astringent principle contained in vegetables
49–The old form of "ado"
50–Grief
51–To tilt

VERTICAL
1–To rest
2–Prior
3–Very small
4–Compass point (abbr.)
5–To make deaf
6–Bogs
7–Behold
8–A rim

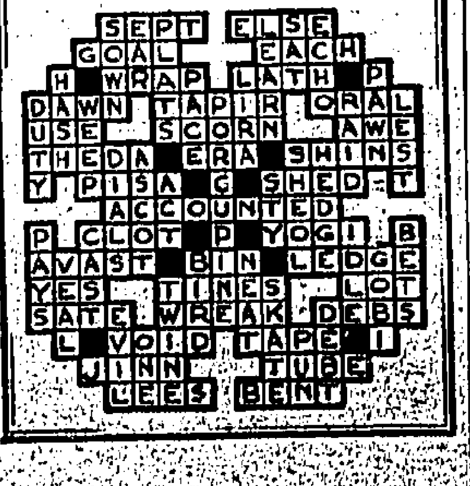
VERTICAL (Cont.)
9–A great animal
10–Novices
13–A fairy
16–Hills of loose sand
17–Smooth
20–Large
21–To open (poet.)
26–To enfold
27–Great American waterfall
28–A city of Canada
29–Manufacturing city in Pennsylvania
30–Torpid
32–The bray of a mule
33–A river of the middle west, U. S.
37–Indebted
40–Ireland
42–A heavy weight (abbr.)
43–A degree (abbr.)
46–Maiden loved by Jupiter
48–S. State (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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Division I.

Aston Villa 1, Birmingham 2.
Burnley 2, Derby 2.
Bury 0, Portsmouth 0.
Cardiff 3, Wednesday 1.
Leeds U 3, Everton 1.
Leicester 3, Manchester C. 2.
Liverpool 2, Arsenal 4.
Manchester U. 1, Huddersfield 0.
Newcastle 4, Sunderland 3.
Sheffield U. 1, Bolton 1.
West Ham 3, Blackburn 3.

Division II.

Hull 0, Clapton 0.
Middlesbro' 0, Swansea 0.
Millwall 1, Notts For 1.
Notts C. 2, Bristol C. 0.
Oldham 4, Blackpool 2.
Port Vale 8, West Brom 1.
Preston 2, Bradford 0.
Reading 1, Grimsby 3.
Southampton 1, Chelsea 2.
Tottenham 1, Stoke 0.
Wolves 3, Barnsley 1.

Division II. (Southern)

Bristol R. 1, Bournemouth 2.
Crystal Pal 1, Northampton 0.
Fulham 2, Southend 4.
Gillingham 1, Brighton 1.
Newport 2, Coventry 1.
Plymouth 0, Exter 0.
Queen's P.R. 8, Merthyr 0.
Swindon 1, Charlton 1.
Torquay 0, Norwich 3.
Walsall 0, Luton 0.
Watford 2, Brentford 0.

Division III. (Northern)

Accrington 6, Doncaster 0.
Bradford C. Barrow 0.
Carlisle 5, South Shields 0.
Crewe 1, Southport 1.
Halifax 1, Wrexham 2.
Hartlepools 1, Ashington 3.
Lincoln 1, Chesterfield 0.
Rotherham 4, Nelson 0.
Stockport 2, New Brighton 1.
Wigan 2, Darlington 0.
Tranmere 5, Rochdale 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division I.

Aberdeen 2, Ayr 1.
Clyde 3, Third Lanark 2.
Dundee 2, Airdrie 2.
Falkirk 2, Cowdenbeath 2.
Hamilton 3, St. Mirren 0.
Hearts 0, St. Johnstone 3.
Kilmarnock 4, Motherwell 2.
Queen's Park 3, Partick 2.
Raith R. 1, Celtic 4.
Rangers 3, Hibernians 9

—Reuter.

LEAGUE TABLES

The English League Tables and Scottish League Table (Division I.), up to and including matches completed on Saturday are appended:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	33	17	8	7	69	47	44
Sunderland	33	17	6	10	78	53	40
Derby	33	18	7	11	67	56	37
Leicester	31	15	7	9	73	54	37
Aston Villa	30	16	4	10	70	59	36
Blackburn	30	15	6	9	60	44	36
Leeds	31	14	6	11	59	69	34
Everton	30	14	3	13	51	49	31
Arsenal	30	11	9	10	53	53	31
Newcastle	32	13	5	14	55	64	31
Huddersfield	30	12	6	12	58	42	30
Bolton	31	11	8	12	58	55	30
Birmingham	30	12	6	12	57	59	30
Manch City	32	11	7	14	69	73	29
Burnley	32	12	5	15	64	82	29
West Ham	31	11	7	13	66	73	29
Liverpool	30	10	8	12	66	52	28
Sheffield U.	32	10	8	14	67	71	28
Cardiff	33	8	9	16	37	45	25
Manch. Un.	32	7	11	14	44	64	25
Bury	30	9	6	15	43	70	24
Portsmouth	30	10	2	18	39	69	22

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Middlesbro'	33	17	9	7	76	49	43
Grimsby	31	17	5	9	66	50	39
Chelsea	31	15	9	7	53	39	39
Notts C.	32	15	8	9	58	44	38
S'thampton	32	11	14	7	55	43	36
Millwall	30	14	7	9	60	53	35
Stoke	32	12	10	10	51	37	34
Bradford	30	15	3	12	64	52	33
Preston	32	14	5	13	65	60	33
Blackpool	32	13	6	13	65	59	32
Notts For	32	11	10	11	54	56	32
Hull	31	10	9	12	49	55	29
Wolves	31	11	7	13	64	61	29
Tottenham	31	13	3	15	54	65	29
Oldham	32	12	4	16	42	62	28
West Brom.	29	11	6	12	53	64	28
Swansea	32	10	8	14	53	60	28
Bristol C.	32	10	6	16	48	62	26
Reading	31	9	8	14	47	68	26
Clapton	32	9	8	15	36	55	26
Port Vale	32	12	1	19	60	66	25
Barnsley	32	10	4	18	47	60	24

Division III. (South)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Northant	31	16	7	8	79	41	39
Charlton	29	16	6	7	65	45	38
Luton	30	15	8	7	60	49	38
Queen's P.R.	31	14	10	7	57	50	38
Crystal P.	29	16	6	7	57	46	38
Fulham	31	15	6	10	77	55	36
Plymouth	29	13	9	7	56	40	35
Watford	29	15	4	10	54	52	34
Coventry	32	12	9	11	49	39	33
Bournem'th	29	13	7	9	62	57	33
Southend	31	11	10	10	62	58	32
Swindon	29	11	9	9	54	52	31
Walsall	32	10	11	11	58	62	31
Brentford	31	11	7	13	48	46	29
Brighton	30	10	5	15	42	56	25
Torquay	30	11	2	17	52	64	24
Bristol R.	30	9	5	16	48	58	23
Norwich	30	10	3	17	48	52	23
Newport	29	8	6	15	44	59	22
Gillingham	31	7	7	17	35	61	21
Merthyr	31	7	6	18	41	87	20
Exeter	29	6	7	16	48	66	19

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LEAGUE FOOTBALL

(Continued From Page 2)

Kowloon were kept almost entirely on the defensive for some time, the visitors increasing their score as the result of a free kick taken by Shin Ping-shin.

A further attack of South China was checked, and the home team got away for the first time with successful result, Hannan scoring a nice goal from close range.

Half-time:—
Kowloon 1
South China "B." 2

Play was confined to midfield for the early part of the second half, but South China soon assumed the upper hand and Nicholls made a heroic, but unsuccessful, attempt to save a terrific drive from Chan Chit-yin.

The same player completed his "hat trick" a moment later, after which Kowloon attacked right up to the final whistle.

Result:—
Kowloon 1
South China "B." 4

SMALL UNITS v. CLUB DE RECREIO RESERVES

At Sookumpoo the Small Units won by one goal but the game was spoiled by the Recreio team arriving two players short. This robbed the match of real interest.

The Small Units pressed during the first half, but Twelves and Hogg missed good chances and a fine defence by Silva and Santos kept the Army team out. At the interval there was no score.

The Small Units re-shuffled their team in the second half and Twelves scored with a nice effort. The game was rather one sided, as, excepting for occasional breaks-away by the Recreio, the Small Units were continuously attacking and should have scored oftener. Good efforts by Hogg and Evans went just wide. The Small Units held their lead and won by the only goal in a poor match.

McGowan, Walker, Warwick Evans, and Twelves were prominent for the Small Units. Silva, Santos, Gonsalves, and Antonio did well for the Recreio, who were much handicapped.

K.O.S.B. v. ST. JOSEPH'S

Played on the Chatham-road ground. The Borderers were once again in irresistible form and swamped St. Joseph's to the tune of six goals to nil. Five of the goals were scored in the first half, when the Borderers were favoured by a stiff breeze. Crawley (3) and Stevens (2) were the scorers before the interval.

The second half was more evenly contested, the Borderers easing up. Stevens was determined to obtain the "hat trick," however, and succeeded in doing so after Rocha had brought off a series of clever saves, from the opposing forwards.

Result:—
K.O.S.B. 6
St. Joseph's 0

SOUTH CHINA "A" v. R.A.

The Gunners gave a very disappointing display at Caroline Hill, and were obliged to acknowledge defeat by two goals to nil. Chances in plenty came their way, but the forwards were very weak in front of goal, their shooting being hopelessly erratic.

Play in the first half was spoiled to a great extent by the wind, the ball being difficult to control. Rabone and Rawlings played a fine game at back for the Gunners, and were hard pressed by the nippy South China forwards.

Souh China gave by far the better display after the interval and took the lead from a free wick, Wan Kin-chin being the scorer, while Lo Chai-wan added the second point after Parks had made a series of very creditable saves from the South China forwards.

Result:—
South China "A." 2
R.A. 0

NAVY v. CHINESE ATHLETIC

Played on the Navy ground at Happy Valley. The game was spoiled by an unnecessary amount of rough play, neither side being blameless in this respect, and the Referee was obliged to warn several of the offenders.

Simmonds headed the opening goal for the Navy after a hot attack. Both teams were combining well and showing plenty of promise, but the finishing efforts of the forwards were not of a high standard.

Play had not been resumed long when the Navy were awarded a penalty, from which Evans scored. The Athletic replied as the result of a free kick, Lo Wai-man sending in a dropping shot which deceived Turner. Athletic were very aggressive in the closing stages and Turner brought off some fine saves from Li Fong and Lai Tung-choi.

Navy 2
Athletic 1

R.A.F. v. EASTERN

The Airmen had a comfortable win at King's Park in a game which was keenly contested throughout.

There was little to choose between the two teams up to the interval, Sabhan and Haroon being prominent for Eastern, whilst Keary and Plunkett were the best of the Air Force vanguard. The defences of both teams, however, were superior to the respective attacks, and half time arrived with a blank score sheet.

The second half had not been in progress long before goals came in quick succession. Keary opened for the Airmen, and the same player added a second almost straight from the kick off. Eastern replied with a fine goal scored by Sabhan, but the Airmen took up the running again and Perry contributed a further point.

Result:—
R.A.F. 3
Eastern 1

LEAGUE TABLE.

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals. F.	Goals. A.	Pts.
S. China	16	11	2	3	31	17	24
Chinese Ath.	15	9	5	1	35	20	23
Queen's (Somersets).	15	9	3	3	40	13	21
Police	15	9	3	3	23	15	21
K.O.S.B.	14	6	3	5	36	19	15
Royal Navy	16	7	1	8	31	23	15
Kowloon	16	5	5	6	15	13	15
Recreio	16	5	3	8	40	28	13
R.A.	14	6	0	8	20	29	12
H.K.F.C.	15	2	5	8	19	29	9
Small Units	16	0	0	16	11	65	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals. F.	Goals. A.	Pts.
Royal Navy	17	15	1	1	75	16	31
K.O.S.B.	18	15	1	1	86	17	31
Queen's	16	12	2	2	56	16	26
Athletic	14	9	1	4	31	15	21
R.A.F.	19	8	3	8	42	38	18
S. China "B"	17	7	2	8	29	40	16
St. Joseph's	18	6	2	10	24	38	14
S. China "A"	18	2	8	8	20	38	12
Small Units	19	4	4	11	24	57	12
Eastern	16	3	5	8	23	37	11
Kowloon	17	3	5	9	19	56	11
R.A.	16	4	2	10	23	55	10
Recreio	17	4	2	11	20	49	10

Division III. (North)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Stockport	32	20	5	7	91	46	45
Bradford C.	32	18	8	6	98	40	44
Wrexham	32	17	9	6	74	50	43
Doncaster	31	15	8	8	58	50	38
Carlisle	34	15	8	11	71	62	38
Wigan	30	15	6	9	58	37	36
Lincoln	32	15	6	11	67	57	36
N. Brighton	32	13	6	13	56	54	32
Crewe	31	13	6	12	55	52	32
Tranmere	31	15	2	14	51	62	32
S. Shields	31	12	7	12	58	57	31
Chesterfield	30	14	3	13	58	55	31
Nelson	33	14	3	16	60	69	31
Halifax	31	10	10	11	47	48	30
Southport	31	11	7	13	56	64	29
Rochdale	32	10	8	14	68	75	28
Rotherham	31	11	6	14	47	57	28
Accrington	31	10	5	16	52	62	25
Darlington	32	9	6	17	52	70	24
Barrow	30	8	6	16	48	67	22
Hartlepools	33	8	6	19	49	86	22
Ashington	34	7	5	22	40	94	19

Scottish League—Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	28	26	2	0	91	22	54
Hearts	32	19	6	7	88	44	44
Motherwell	30	16	8	6	67	50	40
Celtic	28	16	5	7	49	34	37
Aberdeen	31	14	6	11	65	54	34
St. J'stone	32	12	9	11	49	58	33
Kilmarnock	30	13	6	11	67	55	32
Partick	29	13	5	11	77	55	31
Queen's Pk.	29	13	5	11	79	60	31
Falkirk	30	12	6	12	65	71	30
Hibernians	31	12	5	14	44	47	29
St. Mirren	30	11	6	13	58	65	28
Cowdenb'th	32	12	4	16	49	58	28
Hamilton	31	9	7	15	45	70	25
Ayr	31	9	6	16	55	72	24
Clyde	31	10	4	17	38	61	24
3rd Lanark	32	9	5	18	60	78	23
Dundee	30	8	7	15	42	54	23
Airdrie	31	9	4	18	38	59	22
Raith R.	30	6	4	20	39	90	16

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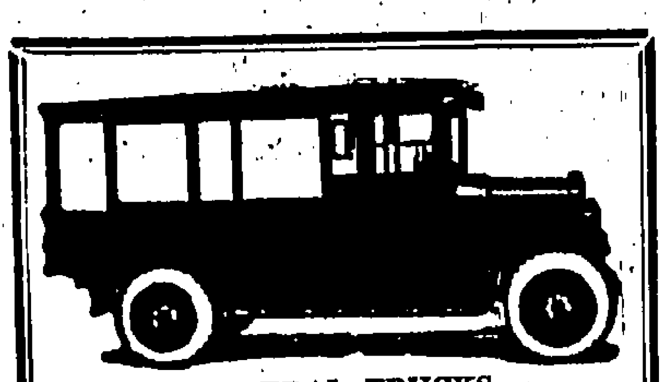

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per
MONDAY, MARCH 11.	
Straits	Nagpore
Shanghai and Amoy	Yunnan
Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru
Amoy	Tjikarang
TUESDAY, MARCH 12.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President McKinley
Saigon	Porthos
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia, (London 15th and 16th Feb.)	Andre Lebon
FRIDAY, MARCH 15.	
Shanghai	Khiva
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	President Jefferson
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, 14th Feb. and parcels, 7th Feb.)	Naldera
SUNDAY, MARCH 17.	
Manila	Empress of Asia
Straits	Fooksang

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
MONDAY. MARCH 11.		
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Sunkong	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and *Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 3rd Apr. and Europe via Siberia. Parcels (Mar. 11) 5 p.m. Registration (Mar. 11) 5 p.m. Letters (Mar. 12) 8.30 a.m.	President Taft	
TUESDAY. MARCH 12.		
Fort Bayard	Tchekan	10.30 a.m.
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 12th Apr. K.P.O. Registration 10 a.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 12.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.	Andre Lebon	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Haiching	1 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Taipoosek	1 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Porthos	1.30 p.m.
Saigon	Lyeemoon	3.30 p.m.
Manila	President McKinley	4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hopsang	5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Limchow	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13.		
Java via Batavia	Tjikarang	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Newchwang	3.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 14.		
Hoihow and Haiphong	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Kiungchow	5 p.m.
Manila, Australia, & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 26th March. Parcels (Mar. 14) 5 p.m. Registration (Mar. 15) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Mar. 15) 10.30 a.m.	Taiping	

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

RAILWAY TRAGEDY

HUGE BOULDER HURTLED FROM MOUNTAIN

ENGINE SMASHED

Constantinople, Yesterday.

Four persons were killed and 11 seriously injured near Adabazar, in Anatolia, at night time when a huge buolder, hurtled from the mountainside, crashed upon a passing train.

The engine was knocked into smithereens and several coaches were capsized.—Reuter.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

"SOMERSETSHIRE'S" DATE OF DEPARTURE

FLAGSHIP TO GO NORTH

H.M.'s troopship "Somersetshire," which is to carry away from Hong Kong the 1st Battalion the Queen's Royal Regiment, is now expected to leave Singapore on March 14 for Hong Kong.

H.M.S. "Kent," the flagship of the China Station, is to leave for Shanghai to-morrow and will probably leave there on March 24 to return to Hong Kong.

The two sloops, H.M.S. "Foxglove" and "Bluebell" are to be relieved on the China Station by H.M.S. "Sandwich" and "Bridgwater." The two latter are to leave England on April 8 and the two old ships leave Hong Kong at the end of this month so that all four will meet at Aden on May 30.

H.M.S. "Concord," returning Home with drafts from China, arrived at Portsmouth yesterday.

SHANTUNG WAR

HOW IT AFFECTS OTHER ISSUES

Chefoo, Yesterday.

Although Chang Tsung-chang's presence at Dairen during the past week is confirmed, there is no truth in the report that his armies have been routed, as no fighting has hitherto taken place. A representative of Chang Tsung-chang here is endeavouring to persuade General Liu Chen-nien to throw in his lot with the ex-tuchun, but Liu Chen-nien refuses to expose his hand, maintaining his entrenchments and placing land mines and barbed wire on his front line between Kangyu and Tsangkiachwang.

Alliance With Hankow?

It is considered that Chang Tsung-chang's organisation and supply of arms and munitions is poor, hence his endeavour to buy over Liu Chen-nien. The latter's subordinates, former followers of Chang, fear displacement if Nanking's appointees take over the civil and military posts, hence they are sympathetic with Chang.

Liu Chen-nien is reported to have sent a representative to Tientsin to verify Chang Tsung-chang's claim of a secret alliance with General Li Tsung-jen of Hankow, and is awaiting a report before taking further action.

Many refugees have arrived from Tsangkiachwang owing to the danger of the land mines and warlike preparations which indicate that fighting is probable in the near future.—Reuter.

MR. DAVID HARVEY

SUDDEN DEATH OCCURS IN KOWLOON

AN OLD RESIDENT

Many will regret to learn of the death at his residence, Armand-buildings, Kowloon, early yesterday, of Mr. David Harvey, who had been a resident of the Colony since August 20, 1895.

Mr. Harvey first came out on a new vessel constructed in Dundee for the Straits Steamship Co., and later joined Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. Then he went back to sea on one of the ships of the Scottish Oriental Steamship Co., and afterward was connected, respectively, with the engineering firms of Messrs. Fenwick and Co., and with Messrs. A. G. Gordon and Co. His last business connection here was with the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., with which he stayed 26 years; at the time of his death he was Superintendent Harbour Engineer.

Mr. Harvey was a keen bowler, being one of the mainstays of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. He also held the rank of Sergeant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Reserves, was connected with the Kowloon Football Club, a Past Master of East Scotia Lodge, No. 923, and a member of St. Andrew's Society.

Death occurred suddenly and peacefully at the age of 54. The sympathy of their many friends will go out to Mrs. Harvey and her son, Mr. David Harvey, jun., in their bereavement, also to the late Mr. Harvey's aged parents in Scotland.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the Monument at 5 o'clock.

FINE TO CLOUDY

This morning's report issued by the Royal Observatory stated:—

The anticyclone covers S.E. Mongolia and China.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

STRANGE WAR STORY

TEN YEARS' DISGUISE OF FRENCH DESERTER

Paris, Jan. 19.

Madame Grappe has been acquitted, though she admitted that she fatally shot her husband. She told a remarkable story in Court. Grappe served in the trenches early in the war, and when on leave in Paris lacked the courage to return to his regiment. She helped him to disguise himself, as a woman, and they thus spent ten years, mostly in Spain. Grappe letting his hair grow and cultivating a contralto voice. They only returned to France after an amnesty in 1924, Grappe resuming men's clothes. He lived a life of debauchery while she earned a living in a factory. Recently, being terrified by his violent drunken outbreak, she snatched up a revolver and shot him.

"I was mad but I was afraid when I shot him," she said., "Even now I love him, as all women did. He always seemed strangely to fascinate women."

REGENCY BILL?

HOME GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING CONTINGENCY

A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE

London, Yesterday.

It is understood that the Cabinet is consulting its legal advisers regarding the constitutional issue raised by the forthcoming Dissolution of Parliament in case His Majesty the King has not sufficiently recovered to undertake the heavy duties connected with the Dissolution and the possible subsequent developments.

It is pointed out that the present Council of State is not empowered to dissolve Parliament.

It is believed that the Government is considering the contingency of promoting a Regency Bill.

The opinion is hardening that the General Election will be arranged for the end of May.—Reuter.

DUTCH ART

ATTRACTS 220,000 VISITORS TO BURLINGTON HOUSE

EXHIBITION NOW CLOSED

London, Saturday.

The exhibition of Dutch art, which in the last few weeks has attracted 220,000 visitors to Burlington House, London, closed yesterday.

Sixty per cent. of the exhibits came from English collections, while Dutch authorities lent many unique and priceless works from galleries in Rotterdam, the Hague and Amsterdam.

These were escorted by a warship to the mouth of the Thames and, in a few days a warship will return to ensure their safe arrival in Holland.

Many beautiful works were also lent by collectors in the United States and elsewhere. — British Wireless Service.

TROTSKY IN TURKEY

NO LONGER DETAINED IN SOVIET CONSULATE

STILL IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople, Yesterday.

Trotsky, his wife and son will be allowed to leave the Soviet Consulate, where they have been living, for the Hotel Pera.

Trotsky has undertaken to maintain complete reserve and will not organise demonstrations.—Reuter.

CHINA & JAPAN

NANKING OFFICIALS' DENIAL

Nanking, Yesterday.

In reference to the belief in official circles in Tokyo that because of the irruption of Chang Tsung-chang, and also desiring to arrange a satisfactory settlement with Japan, prior to opening the third national Kuomintang conference at Nanking on March 15, the attitude of the National Government has weakened and that it is now prepared to make concessions in connection with the settlement of the Tsinan incident in order to expedite the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shantung, Reuter is informed that "officials of the National Government emphatically deny that Chinese domestic politics are a factor in settling the Shantung question with Japan or other pending issues."—Reuter.

A CHEFOO PACT?

Chefoo, Saturday.

It is rumoured that an arrangement is being made between Chang Tsung-chang and General Liu Chen-nien, by which Liu Chen-nien will maintain control over Chefoo as a subordinate of Chang Tsung-chang and will receive an indemnity of $10,000, but will surrender two-thirds of his effectives and hoist the old Chinese flag.—British Naval Wireless.

EXTRALITY

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Semi-official reports from Tokyo state that the United States is considering proposing a conference of the Powers concerned to consider the advisability of abolishing extra-territoriality in China. Japan is reported to be in full accord with the proposal.—Reuter.

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